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SBC Refers Home Board Loan Plan And Radio Move To Executive Committee

Home Board Report Significant Gains

There were 31,849 professions, 284 churches constituted, and 706 missions opened by the 1,303 Southern Baptist home missionaries in 1953, according to the 109th annual report of the Home Mission Board to the Southern Baptist Convention, given by Dr. Courts Redford.

Dr. Redford gave these figures in his first annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention as the new executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Redford said that the four years of the five year crusade of the Home Mission Board showed an increase of 218 missionaries, a total of 131,404 professions of faith, 1,081 new churches, and 2,573 missions started.

In the annual report, Dr. Redford reviewed the twenty-four years of the executive secretaryship of Dr. J. B. Lawrence who retired last year. "When Dr. Lawrence came to the Home Mission

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Convention Sidelights

By A. L. GOODRICH

Dr. Cecil W. Jones, Bay Springs pastor, was named as a teller to aid in counting the ballots during the election of officers. He didn't get to count a vote. Every election was unanimous.

Chaplain Alva Collins, Mississippian, said that he had had soldiers tell him that they never heard from their churches even though some of them had been in the service for three or four years.

A hotel maid at the Jefferson Hotel said, "This is the best behaved crowd I have ever seen. They ain't been a bit of drinking or carryin' on. Most conventions has a lot of drinking and all-night parties."

A Hint To The Arrangement Committee: There were many complaints about the lack of space for the W. M. U. and Pastors Conference. Many couldn't get in.

The quietest time of the whole convention was a two-minute period when no one spoke or moved. A photographer was taking a picture.

Dr. J. W. Storer, Convention president described some Baptists that we have known when he said: "There are some Baptists who seem dedicated to separatism, who refuse to play on the team, who

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Baptist Radio Hour On 390 Stations

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—"Not since the printing of the Bible has there been a better chance to spread the gospel of Christ," Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio Commission, said in his annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention with reference to radio and television as mediums of evangelism.

Citing the need for paid nationwide radio and television networks as a means to more effectively utilizing Southern Baptist efforts in production of radio and television shows, the report observed that "The Baptist Hour" is now carried by the largest independent network of sustaining (free) stations in the world.

"The Baptist Hour," now heard over 390 radio stations in 33 states and 8 foreign countries and territories, has reached its peak coverage for 12 years on the air. No time is paid for, however, and whether the program goes on or comes off is entirely up to the station carrying.

For this reason, Stevens said, "Southern Baptists' lips have been sealed and their honor soiled from one end of this great Convention to the other. We need paid time on which we can say what we know is right without fear of being taken off the air."

The Radio Commission, one of

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Southern Baptist Men's Work Continues Growth

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The information was released by George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, in his annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Kiel Auditorium.

The Southern Baptist Convention was informed last night that during the past year 986 new church brotherhoods were established, bringing to a total 7,766 church organizations of men in existence at the end of the calendar year just past. Since January, 1954,

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Sullivan Announces Reorganization Of Baptist Sunday School Board

Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board announced a complete change in the organization of the Board involving an administrative staff and divisional realignment.

The announcement was made after a special meeting in St. Louis of the full Board. It was a major statement of Dr. Sullivan as he presented the Board's annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention in session in St. Louis.

Dr. Sullivan reviewed the action of the Board at its June, 1953, meeting when it appointed a Plans

ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISION ON SCHOOL SEGREGATION

BY A. L. GOODRICH

With a registration of 10,962 messengers, second highest in its history, the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis re-elected Dr. J. W. Storer as president, voted to meet in Miami in 1955, okayed the reorganization plan of the Sunday School Board, and voted to transfer the Royal Ambassador work, previously promoted by the W. M. U., to the Brotherhood.

The Convention refused to sanction the request of the Home Mission Board to borrow \$3,000,000, but referred the request to the Executive Committee for further study; and also instructed the Executive Committee to study the proposed plans for moving the Radio and Television Commission to Fort Worth with power to permit or deny the suggested move. It was also voted to permit the Home Mission Board and Sunday School Board to work with Canadian churches.

And to the surprise of many the Convention voted its approval of the Supreme Court's ruling on segregation.

One of the musical highlights of the Convention was the musical program rendered by the Mississippi College Band which was the first appearance of a college band on a convention program.

Other significant actions were:

1. The report that Southern Baptist State papers now have a circulation of 1,117,462;

2. Election of officers as follows: Dr. J. W. Storer, re-elected president; Dr. Homer G. Lindsay, first vice-president; Dr. O. R. Shields, second vice-president; Dr. Joe W. Burton, secretary; Dr. James W. Merritt, secretary; Dr. Porter Routh, treasurer;

3. Adoption of a four-year revival program to begin in 1955 under the direction of the Home Mission Board. This ambitious revival program will lay the foundation for a five-year convention-wide campaign to begin in 1959 and culminate in a 1964 sesquicentennial observance of organized Baptist work in America.

Dr. Courts Redford, Home Mission Board secretary, said that a nationwide simultaneous revival campaign will begin in 1955 with revivals in March and April in the 29,500 churches of the Conventions.

4. Adoption of a \$9,200,000 budget for 1955. Foreign missions will receive a total of \$3,475,000 and \$1,149,800 will be allocated to home missions. The Relief and Annuity Board will receive \$791,000.

5. Adoption of a resolution urging the United States Government to provide a plan of voluntary social security for ministers with the provision that it would provide a contract between the government and the individual without involving the

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Shown above is a part of the audience of more than 12,000 that packed Kiel Auditorium for the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

SBC Refers Home

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church in any way. Although practically ignored by the program committee (only two Mississippians were listed: Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor of the First Church, Columbus to address the Pastors Conference and Dr. Walter Duda to lead the Mississippi College Band. Many Mississippians, now living in Mississippi as well as other states, took leading parts in the Convention.

Named to various Boards were: Purser Hewitt, Jackson, Executive Committee and Committee on Committees. Dr. James W. Middleton, former Clinton pastor, now pastor at First Church, Shreveport, La. Foreign Mission Board and Committee on Committees; Rev. Harry P. Klauser, pastor Huntington St. Church, Baltimore, Md., Home Mission Board; Rev. J. H. Avery, pastor First Church Panama City, Fla. Home Mission Board;

Rev. E. B. Shivers, Sr., Atlanta, Ga., Home Mission Board; Dr. G. Norman Price, pastor Parkway Church, Jackson, Sunday School Board; Rev. Robert L. Palmer, pastor First Church, Murfreesboro, Tenn., Relief and Annuity Board; Rev. W. L. Ball, Jr., pastor, Oakland Church, Rock Hill, S. C., Southern Seminary Trustee; George Ritchey, pastor First Church, Mansfield, La., trustee Southern Seminary; Dr. Wallace R. Rogers, pastor Citadel Square Church, Charleston, S. C., Trustee Southern Seminary and Committee on Committees; Dr. Slater A. Murphy, pastor Highland Heights Church, Memphis Convention sermon, and Trustee New Orleans Seminary; Rev. William Lowrey Comper, pastor Parkview Church, Greenville, trustee American Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. Boyce H. Moody, Baltimore, Md.; trustee Southern Baptist Hospital; Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president, Georgetown College Education Commission; Cecil F. Travis, Jackson, Trustee Southern Baptist Foundation; Charles G. Bobo, Lyon, Brotherhood Commission; Dr. James L. Sullivan, Executive Secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Public Affairs Committee; Dr. John L. Slaughter, pastor First Church, Spartanburg, S.C., Committee on Order of Business; Dr. John W. McCall, pastor First Church, Vicksburg, Committee on Order of Business; Dr. Leon Macon, Editor, The Alabama Baptist, Historical Commission; Dr. Carl Bates, pastor First Church, Amarillo, Texas, address before Pastors Conference; Dr. Cecil W. Jones, Bay Springs pastor, teller; Dr. John H. Buchanan, pastor First Church, Birmingham, Ala. Committee on Committees; Rev. J. Edwin Hewlett, St. Louis, Committee, on Committees;

Dr. A. F. Crittendon, pastor Calvary Church, Enid, Okla., Committee on Committees; Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor First Church, Sherman, Texas, Committee on Committees; Dr. Claude B. Bowen, pastor First Church, Greensboro, N. C., Committee on Committees; Dr. G. C. Hodge, pastor First Church, Biloxi, Committee on Committees; Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, pastor Broadmoor Church, Jackson, Committee on Boards; Mrs. W. C. Tyler, Blue Mountain, Committee on Baptist Film; and Recording Secretary of the Southwide



Shown above are the newly elected officers of the Southern Baptist Convention. Left to right they are: Dr. Porter Routh, re-elected treasurer; Dr. Joe W. Burton, re-elected senior secretary; Dr. O. R. Shields, second vice-president; Dr. Homer G. Lindsay, first vice-president; and Dr. J. W. Storer, re-elected as president. Not shown is Dr. Jas. W. Merritt, junior secretary.

W.M.U.; Dr. R. Q. Leavell, New Orleans, Report on Seminaries; Dr. A. L. Goodrich, editor Baptist Record, Committee on State Papers; Dr. H. H. Hargrove, pastor Coggins Avenue Church, Brownwood, Texas, resolution on advertising alcoholic beverages; Rev. J. O. Murphy, pastor Temple Church, Ruston, La., Committee on Order of Business; Miss Almarine Brown, Jackson, Vice-President Southwide W.M.U.

The place of meeting for 1955 was changed from Washington D. C. to Miami, Fla. and the date set for May 18-21. The change was made necessary because of the fact that the Washington City officials had placed a restriction of 8,000 upon the number who could be seated in their auditorium. When Billy Graham was there another administration allowed 15,000. Commenting on this, Dr. J. W. Storer suggested that the change be made with the hope that we could go to Washington in 1957 or '58. Some one asked him if that meant that he expected a change in administrations.

To the chagrin of many and the surprise of more that convention voted to accept the recent Supreme Court decision on segregation.

The adopted resolution praised the Court for delaying final action until a later date, recognized the decision of the Court and urged continuance of the public school and asked that we exercise a Christian spirit in working out any problems connected with the decision.

The resolutions, which appear on the editorial page, were presented by Dr. A. C. Miller, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission. Evidently Mr. Miller felt that he was treading on a highly controversial ground as he said that the commission was aware of the fact that some messengers thought no mention should be made of the court decision.

Two speakers, one from Kentucky and the other from New Mexico, spoke in opposition to the resolutions but neither spoke on the question before the body and both hurt the cause which they were trying to help. Both spoke on so-

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Home Board Report

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Board in 1929 there was a debt of \$2,527,453.44. When Dr. Lawrence retired, the Board had resources of five and one-half million dollars which included an office building in Atlanta, Georgia, valued at one million dollars, a church loan fund of \$2,900,000, and an annual income of \$1,850,000. Fourteen new phases of work were started under the leadership of Lawrence.

Dr. Redford presented to the Convention G. Frank Garrison, new assistant executive secretary of the Home Board, a layman who is to have charge of the church building and loan funds in connection with other administrative duties.

The Home Mission Board has work with Jews, Negroes, language groups, chaplains, deaf, migrants, Good Will Centers, Rescue Homes, city, rural, western, and mountain programs, according to Dr. Redford. During 1953, new programs were initiated for juvenile delinquents and broken homes, church ministry to members in the military, trailer camp service for defense workers, a superintendent of evangelism for Negro work was employed, a Baptist Student Union Negro program was begun, Jewish work was enlarged, and work was started with native Eskimos beyond the Arctic Circle.

To begin in 1955, a new Four Year Conquest for Christ program was presented by Redford. He stated, "The need for such a program of home missions was due to the place of the United States in world power and influence, increased communication and transportation, movement of population, increase of juvenile delinquency, draft of young people into the military, change of the economic situation of the Negro, and the shift of population from rural to the city."

The program will begin in 1955 with a nation-wide Simultaneous Revival Campaign in which it is planned that there be a revival during March and April in the 29,496 churches and missions belonging to the Southern Baptist Convention. "Every Church Revived in '55" will be the slogan. There will also be a special emphasis to get Baptists who have moved to transfer their church membership to their local Baptist church. It is estimated that there are at least two and one-half million non-resident Baptists.

In 1956, an effort will be made to constitute new Baptist churches, especially in western and frontier fields, with the slogan "2,666 New Churches in '56."

In 1957, special emphasis will be given to language groups within the Southern Baptist Convention territory, and in 1958 the program will accent reaching the larger cities and rural areas and giving to Southern Baptists a well defined program of missionary education.

This Four Year Conquest for Christ will lay the foundation for the five year convention-wide

challenge in Southern Baptist life is to enlist these men for our Lord. When they are enlisted and their talents fully consecrated for Christ a new day will be born in the life of Christianity."

campaign to begin in 1959 which will celebrate the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work in America, according to Dr. Redford.

The Chaplain's Commission, which is under the direction of the Home Mission Board, reported 477 active Southern Baptist chaplains who had 17,912 professions of faith in 1953.

The Home Mission Board now has work in thirty-six states, Alaska, Panama, Canal Zone, and Cuba.

Dr. Redford stated that the Church Building Loan Fund has already used the \$500,000 borrowed from two Atlanta banks and that as of now only 220,174 is available for loans for new church buildings and that at least \$5,370,226 will be needed by Dec. 1, 1955. He presented a set of resolutions as follows:

(1) That permission is hereby granted the Home Mission Board to defer all payments on funds heretofore borrowed for church loan purposes until September 1, 1958.

(2) That permission is hereby granted the Home Mission Board to borrow an additional amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 on the most favorable terms and conditions obtainable. Said money to be lent to churches on such terms and conditions as the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention may prescribe—the interest rate on such loans to be not less than 5 per cent.

(3) That the Southern Baptist Convention approves the plan of the Home Mission Board to emphasize the constitution of new churches in 1956.

(4) That 1956 be designated as "Buildings For Others" year.

(5) That the churches of the convention during 1956 be encouraged to adopt and sponsor new churches either near home or in other areas.

(6) That these mothering churches be asked to supply necessary funds to help the new churches to construct their buildings.

(7) That the smaller churches which are unable to fully finance the construction of a building for a new church be encouraged to finish funds for a certain portion of the building, such as the auditorium, a classroom, or a certain number of square feet in the new building.

(8) That new buildings, unless otherwise designated be made available to these new churches through the Home Mission Board as loans which shall revert to the Church Extension Loan Fund of the Home Mission Board to increase the corpus of that fund and that the Home Mission Board through its church loans department be authorized to implement the plan and give publicity to it.

(9) That all concerned be urged to provide such building funds over and above Cooperative Program gifts.

However, the Convention amended the resolutions by referring them to the Executive Committee for further study and with power to act.

—BR—

The world is waiting for Christianity to demonstrate that it possesses what it professes.—Marion F. Moorhead, missionary to Japan.

The SBC Convention

The recent Southern Baptist Convention held in St. Louis was like many others in years past. It was interesting but without many high spots. Perhaps the most inspiring time was on Wednesday night when the Foreign Mission Board made its report, presenting many older missionaries as well as a fine group of those recently appointed.

The lowest point of the whole Convention was when the Christian Life Commission went out of its field to dip its finger in politics.

Dr. A. C. Miller, Secretary of the Commission, presented resolutions concerning the Supreme Court decision on segregation. The recommendations as adopted are:

1. That we recognize the fact that this Supreme Court decision is in harmony with the constitutional guarantee of equal freedom to all citizens, and with the Christian principles of equal justice and love for all men.

2. That we commend the Supreme Court for deferring the application of the principle both as to time and procedure until the nation shall have had time to work out methods by which transition from the present practice may be effected.

3. That we urge our people and all Christians to conduct themselves in this period of adjustment in the spirit of Christ; that we pray God may guide us in our thinking and our attitudes to the end that we may help and not hinder the progress of justice and brotherly love; that we may exercise patience and good will in the discussion that must take place, and give a good testimony to the meaning of Christian faith and discipleship.

4. That we express our belief in the public school system of our nation as one of the greatest factors in American history for the maintenance of democracy and our common culture and we express the hope that in the working out of necessary adjustments, its place in our educational program shall not be impaired.

5. That we urge Christian statesmen and leaders in our Churches to use their leadership in positive thought and planning to the end that this crisis in our national history shall not be made the occasion for new and bitter prejudices, but a movement toward a united nation in body and proclaiming a democracy that will commend freedom to all peoples.

These or any other resolutions on this question had no place in the Southern Baptist Convention. The Supreme Court ruling concerned public schools, not churches. It is a political matter, not a church matter.

If the Commission should have brought this Supreme Court question to the Convention, why did it not bring other segregation questions? The Court has also ruled that segregation is unlawful in public housing and also on golf courses. Consistency would call



for these to be mentioned.

Baptists as citizens should act as they wish but Baptist churches or Baptist Conventions should stick to their own line.

We are very indignant at any suggestion of a breakdown of the wall of separation between church and state. This action was an example of the church putting its fingers in state matters.

However, our readers need not fear any results from this action.

No Convention can bind any Baptist church. Each church is a rule unto itself.

As has been the case for several years there are those in attendance who do not know about the words, "courtesy" and "fair play."

When their side was being presented they clapped enthusiastically. But when an opposing speaker tried to speak he was often treated with discourtesy and usually a cry, "Question, question!"

We hope that the transfer of the R. A. work from the W. M. U. to the Brotherhood will be helpful but we feel as did Layman Owen Cooper of Yazoo City. He told the Convention that there were many, many more W. M. U.'s than Brotherhoods and his question was how will fewer Brotherhood organizations reach as many or more boys than the several thousand more W. M. U.'s do.

We do not favor the plan of the Home Mission Board in its present form to ask churches to sponsor new church buildings. If we understand the plan, a church would loan a new and struggling church money for building purposes. But the money would be repaid to the Home Board. The recommendation does state that

these loans are to be over and above Cooperative Program gifts. But in the end it is a contribution to the Home Board.

But would they? Most, if not all special drives, take money from the Cooperative Program. It sounds nice to say "Over and Above," but we have not, in all our years of experience, seen it work that way.

A layman said to us a few days ago, "I wish that before I die, I could have one year with not a single special drive. I would like to see how the Cooperative Program (without hindrance) would work."

But as most everybody else puts on, at one time or another, a special drive, the Home Board is entitled to the same privilege.

The proposed streamlining of the Sunday School Board should be helpful and work for greater efficiency. It is a well-known fact that our Sunday School Board has just as a fictional character, "just grew up." Other business concerns are searching for new plans that will provide greater efficiency, why not the Sunday School Board?

Dr. L. E. Barton was right in demanding that more time be allowed for discussion from the floor. The rule is that one-third of the allotted time be given to open discussion. This is not being done. Usually the person presenting the report takes all or most of the time.

We do not approve of the idea of invading Canada. The Convention voted, as urged by the newly organized Washington-Oregon Convention, to extend a helping

hand to some Canadian churches.

We do not oppose helping hands but question the propriety of going into Canada. If this is right perhaps Alaska will come to the 1955 Convention and ask for the privilege of taking in Russia which is only a few miles across the water at the nearest point.

And if the pleas we have heard about Washington and Oregon are true, they need all the help that we can give in that section without taking on churches from another country.

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Sold To High Bidder

According to the Jackson papers, the old City Library on North Congress and Mississippi Streets will be put up for sale within the next few weeks. If this building is put up for sale subject to bids, we hope that the city will not treat the high bidder, whoever he may be, as was the Baptist Hospital.

Many of our readers will recall that when the Baptist Hospital had the high bid for a piece of property across the street from its present location, the bid was refused and they were forced to pay a higher price. That has not been the same practice with some other deals that have been made.

—BR—

Our Readers Write

CUBA CALLS

It is said that impressions without expressions result in stagnation. During my recent preaching mission in Cuba I made some observations that I feel should be shared with others.

Thousands in Cuba do not know Christ. In one city of 100,000 people there is only one Baptist church and three missions. Greater Havana, with a population of 1,200,000, has about 4,000 Baptists. In one area near what will be the new National Capitol district there are 80,000 people; there is one Baptist church with 34 members, and one mission station.

In many areas of Cuba there is no Baptist work at all. The missionaries need more equipment in most cases, too. Missionaries Pina and Espinosa

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Sullivan Announces

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 al analysis," Dr. Sullivan said, "the committee, in agreement with the executive committee of the Board, employed Booz, Allen, and Hamilton, management consultants, of Chicago."

Dr. Sullivan stated that "The Plan and Policies Committee, after studying the completed organizational survey and meeting with the executive committee of the Sunday School Board proposed major readjustments within the Board's organizational structure."

Changes Will Allow Future Expansions

Dr. Sullivan pointed out that these changes will allow for future growth and expansion of the work of the Board.

The administrative staff line-up will continue with J. Marvin Crowe as administrative assistant, and Leonard E. Wedel, personnel director, Dr. Clifton J. Allen, present director of the editorial division, will be transferred to the newly created staff position of editorial secretary.

To further unify the work of the Board, Dr. Sullivan reported that four divisions will be organized:

(1) Service Division, with Dr. Harold E. Ingraham, present business manager, as director.

(2) Merchandise and Sales Division, with Keith C. Von Hagen, present director of the Merchandising Department, as director.

(3) Business Division, with Robert L. Middleton, present director of Accounting, as director.

(4) Education Division, with Dr. W. L. Howse, professor and administrator of Religious Education at Southwestern Seminary, Fort

Worth, Texas, as director. This is a merger of the Sunday School Board's Editorial and Education-Promotion Divisions.

Dr. Howse was elected to this position by the Board in its meeting this week. He will assume his duties July 1, 1954.

TO TAKE EFFECT SEPT. 1

September 1, 1954, has been set as the date for the divisional realignment to take effect, and December 1, 1954, for the completion of transitional plans within the new divisions.

Dr. Sullivan said that the Plans and Policies Committee will continue its studies on details of the re-organization of the Board, and make its final report on June 22 at the full meeting of the Board in Nashville.

The new member of the Sunday School Board set-up is a native of Tennessee, received his A.B. degree from Union University, Jackson, Tenn.; M. A. from Baylor University, Waco, Texas; and the Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Seminary. In 1937 he received his Doctor of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Seminary and Hardin-Simmons University conferred on him the L.H.D. degree in 1948. He has done advanced work in other leading universities and seminaries in the nation and recently visited Central and South America to study Baptist work and conditions there. He has been minister of education at three Fort Worth churches, Polytechnic University, and Broadway. He was formerly president of the Texas Baptist Sunday School and Training Union Conventions. He is the author of two books, TEACHING

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nineteen Convention agencies, is currently engaged in the production of dramatic television films based on parables from the Bible. It produces a live show called "Bible Story Time" in co-operation with WSB-TV, Atlanta, Ga., and has in preparation the third in a series of eight 15-minute filmograph type movies taken from incidents in the life of Christ.

Other Commission activities during the past year include two Southern Baptist appearances on the National Broadcasting Company television network program, "Frontiers of Faith," with another scheduled for August 29, 1954.

NBC's radio network religious program, "Faith in Action," has been produced twice in the past year under Southern Baptist auspices, and the CBS "Church of the Air" originated from Baptist Radio Center in Atlanta in November, 1953.

Radio and television workshops sponsored by the Commission are slated for Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, North Carolina, starting August 19, 1954, and at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Santa Fe, N. Mex., starting June 24.

The Cooperative Program has allotted the Radio Commission \$125,000 for operation until this year.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, and IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH, and numerous pamphlets and articles. The father of Dr. Howse, Rev. W. L. Howse, lives in Jackson, and before his retirement served Mississippi churches as pastor.



Shown above are Training Graduates of Parkway Church, Jackson, Sunday School, as 78 members received their diplomas and seals in a special recognition banquet supper meeting, Wednesday night, June 2. Dr. Norman O'Neal, Professor of Religious Education at Mississippi College, was guest speaker.

The total training awards received since October 1953, are 982. Of this number, 731 were Sunday School awards and 251 were Training Union Awards.

Dr. G. Norman Price is pastor and Curtis Beard is educational director at Parkway.

That amount has been increased to \$200,000 starting in 1955. Voluntary contributions to the Commission for the "Baptist Hour" and for television have averaged about \$10,000 a month in the past.

Paul M. Stevens joined the Radio Commission as director in September, 1953. He succeeded Dr. Sam F. Lowe, who headed the operation from 1938 until his death in 1952. Dupree Jordan served as acting director from May to September, 1953, when Stevens was elected.

Commission headquarters are located in Atlanta, Ga., at 1585 Ponce de Leon Ave., N. E.

On Thursday morning the Convention had adopted the recommendations of the Radio and Television Commission which instructed the Commission to give further

study to the question of moving its headquarters to Fort Worth, Texas and then present them to the Executive Committee and then to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On Friday the Convention reconsidered that action and eliminated the provision that the Commission report to the Southern Baptist Convention. Final action instructed the Commission to study the matter of location and present its finding to the Executive Committee for final approval.

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Please pray for all your missionaries that we may not become so obsessed with a sense of "must be doing something" that we grow jittery in our business.—Elizabeth Hale, missionary to Malaya.

Our Readers Write

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could do far more if they owned a car or station wagon. Anyone who would like to help provide them with transportation may send their contribution to Rev. Enrique Pina, Infanta Del Cerro 462, Cerro, Havana, Cuba.

In the Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign in the Matanzas Province, there were 790 professions of faith in the first ten days. Eight churches and three or four missions cooperated in this. In one church each night there were about 400 inside the small building and about 100 listening from outside.

Without seeing the situation for yourself you cannot visualize the marvelous opportunities of witnessing for Christ here. There has been a decided change in the receptive attitude of the Cubans for the gospel since I was there several years ago.

Since Cuba is so close to the United States, since the Cubans are now so responsive to the gospel appeal and yet know so little about evangelical Christianity, God will hold Southern Baptists responsible if they do not capitalize on the revival wave in Cuba.

Cuba is calling—hungering for the gospel. Will you hear? Will you pray for them? Will you give more to the Cooperative Program?

CLARENCE PALMER,
 Phalybeate, Miss.

NO DANGER TO SOCIAL SECURITY

Dear Editor:

In a recent issue of the Baptist Record there was an article by Rev. Bryan Simmons concerning Social Security. He seems to be upset over the idea that pastors may be eligible for the benefits of Social Security. He states that

and now I own my home. Being a preacher had nothing to do with it. I paid for the services that the FHA rendered. Because I was a preacher did not make it a combination of church Social Security violates the principle of separation of church and state. I cannot see it that way.

I have a home that was financed through the FHA. I paid the charges and state. The same thing is true of Social Security.

If Congress passes the bill which the Senate has before it, that would allow preachers to join Social Security on a voluntary basis. In other words, they can join if they wish or stay out if they wish. The church would not be involved therein. I see nothing about that which would make it a combination of church and state.

He also states that Social Security would lead to government regulations as to location, salaries, and services. If so, why has not the government taken such steps with reference to Social Security for other people? I do not know of any instance where the government has made any regulations concerning the location of business firms, the salaries they pay, or the services they render.

In another place he suggests "Any effort to put churches into Social Security is sure to lead to a confusion." I see no confusion about some preacher paying his dues into Social Security and then having a little more protection when the time comes.

He also states that "surveys reveal many retired pastors serving as supplies, teachers, etc." He seems to think that with the Ministers' Retirement payments, pastors can get along by serving as supplies, etc. May I call his at-

tention to the fact that pastors who retire (and receive MR funds) are prohibited from serving any church more than two months during a calendar year and a small supply pastorate of two months will not help very much. If Social Security were made compulsory, I, like Mr. Simmons, would be opposed to it, but if it is put up on a voluntary basis, I see no danger therein.

Yours truly,

A REGULAR READER.

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

Just a note from one who has "adopted" the state of Mississippi as his own state. It is good to be back "home." From here on I shall refer to Mississippi as "my" state, not my "adopted" state.

This leads me to say that I appreciate so much your editorial in the April 8 issue of the Baptist Record, entitled, "Mississippi Needs Them." It is my prayer that Mississippi churches will call back home the Mississippi men graduating from our seminaries.

Sincerely,

James E. Southerland
 Oxford, Mississippi

IRON CURTAIN HAS TWO SIDES

A plea on behalf of Roman Catholic priests and freedom of worship behind the iron curtain was made a few days ago by a high American official. We, who are Baptists, would like to add our voice in support of the privilege of Roman Catholics, Greek Catholics, and evangelical Christians to engage in religious activities without interference from the authorities behind the iron curtain.

But the iron curtain has two sides, and Baptists are just as much concerned about freedom of worship and propa-

gation of the gospel on this side as we are behind it.

Before me is a paper with these headlines: "Vatican Treaty Curbs Baptists in Colombian Mission Program", "Italian Police Expel Minister", and "Baptist Pastor Jailed in Spain."

The urgent call of the American official for religious freedom in the slave countries will not be heard until the same freedom is granted in the so-called free world.

To all those interested in better treatment of religious leaders under Communism I should remind that Jesus asked, Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? — Bruce H. Price, Newport News, Va.

To the Baptist Record:

The doctrine of regeneration as contained in the third chapter of the Gospel of John is recognized as one of the great essential truths of the New Testament Scriptures. Another great cardinal principle of Christian ethics is the fact that one cannot be a true Christian and love and hold to the things of the world, and live a life of worldly and sinful pleasure. A Christian cannot be partly righteous and partly a sinner. He must be wholly for Christ or he is none of his. — Titus, 2:12-14.

"Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world;

"Seeking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

"Who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works." — Robert E. Meek, Black Hawk, Mississippi.

Baptist Student Union

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THELLIS MYERS
Thellis Myers, of Miss. College and Brandon, has been recom-

mended for Youth-led Revival work in Miss. by Rev. H. H. Bethune, J. W. East and Charles Tolbert.

MISCELLANEA

Three: Wiley Reid, Co-Lin, and Rufus Dalton and Marian Leavell, Ole Miss, have thus far registered for Student Week at Glorieta Aug. 25-31. Mississippi's quota is 30.

We have names of Council members from Miss. State, Carey College, Ole Miss, Miss. College, Co-Lin, Holmes Jr., Blue Mtn., Sunflower Jr., Jones Jr. Won't you send us yours?

BSU Director T. R. Coulter, Jr., E. Miss. Jr., says "we have had 4 students to surrender to full-time Christian service."

Again we remind graduating seniors to transfer their church membership to their new place of residence as soon as possible.

WORLD BAPTIST MEMBERSHIP SHOWS 300 PER CENT GAIN

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (RNS)—Baptist church membership in the world has increased by more than 300 per cent in less than 50 years, it was reported here at the annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention.

Dr. Joel Sorenson, Stockholm, Sweden, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, said the largest account in the Alliance offices gives a figure of at least 20,250,000 Baptist church members.

In Germany, the number of Baptists has increased from 60,000 to 90,000 since the end of World War II, he disclosed.

"Proportionately," he reported "the largest part were baptized in the Eastern Zone, where it was, and is, difficult to profess Christ and live in his church."

In Romania, he said there have been reports of "remarkable spiritual revivals" that have increased membership to about 100,000.

Dr. Sorenson said that in the Russian Baptist churches there are more than two million regular adherents "and the work seems to be growing."

Dr. Sorenson said Baptists would have to determine their attitude toward co-religionists behind the Iron Curtain.

"Will we express Western particularism and let our devotion to our form of society and our opposition to their government make a true Christian fellowship impossible?" he asked.

Dr. Sorenson said it was his own opinion that "the church of Jesus Christ cannot identify itself either with the East, or with the West.

"We stand between both."

"The church has to condemn what is of the Evil One, both in East and in West, and to commend what is right in both countries," he added. "It is not an easy task to do so, but it is our only way if we want to be true to our Baptist undertaking of our Christian faith."

Dr. Sorenson reported on plans for the golden jubilee conference of the Baptist World Alliance to be held in London July 16-22, 1955.

—BR—

Dr. Faris D. Whitesell, professor of homiletics, evangelism and pastoral work, and Dr. Lloyd M. Uerry, head of the Speech Department at Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago have written a volume called VARIETY IN YOUR PREACHING. Ministers and ministerial students will be interested in its thirteen chapters which explain the necessity for variety in preaching and show how it may be achieved. The fact is stressed that the preacher must be alert to life's diversities—that he must avoid assembly-line methods. A number of examples from the preaching of great men of the pulpit, a helpful graph of sermon construction, a suggested three-year preaching program, a bibliography at the end of each chapter and an ample index make the book a complete one. The co-authors treat preaching as an art and the preacher as an artist. Order your "artist's manual" from the Baptist Book Store or from Fleming H. Revell Company, 316 Third Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey.

Cauthen Asks Southern Baptists To Double Foreign Appointments

"If Southern Baptists can double the number of foreign missionary appointments made annually, we will reach our minimum goal of 1,750 missionaries in a little more than eight years," Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, said following the presentation of the Board's annual report.

"Southern Baptists must continue to advance in world missions," he continued. "And the first necessity is an adequate number of missionary volunteers. It is realistic to propose that there should be from 150 to 200 volunteers available for appointment annually. Nearly 1,000 fully-trained servants of God graduate from our seminaries each year. Many who have previously graduated are still eligible for appointment."

"The basic requirement for advance in world missions is dedicated lives. Dependable financial support is essential. As missionaries are sent residences must be built. Soon churches come into life and need assistance in securing buildings. Schools, hospitals, good will centers, publication houses, and seminaries require a vast outlay of money."

"Victorious advance depends, however, upon something far more precious than money. It is estimated that at the present rate of increase it will take fifteen years to reach our minimum goal of 1,750 missionaries."

Then, in an analysis of missionary appointments over the last six years, Dr. Cauthen pointed out that the missionary staff increased from 625 at the beginning of 1948 to 908 at the beginning of this year. During this period 464 appointments were made; but retirements, death, illness, and other losses have reduced the staff 171, leaving a net gain of 283. Over this period of six years Southern Baptists appointed an average of 77.3 missionaries per year and lost an average of 28.5 per year, giving a net annual gain of 48.8.

"This rate of advance is far too slow for a people with the capabilities and convictions of Southern Baptists," Dr. Cauthen declared. "Is it not reasonable and right for every church, however small, to desire and pray for the going of some person from its midst as Christ's ambassador to a lost world?"

Dr. Cauthen stressed the fact that even though the Board wishes to move as rapidly as possible toward its 1,750 goal in number of missionaries, it still must uphold its same high standards of appointments.

"We must have missionaries who will do normal work under abnormal situations—who will not be giving up and getting discouraged by circumstances. The very uncertainty of the world situation demands the kind of missionaries who are not dismayed by the winds and clouds of uncertainty."

Dr. Cauthen reported that the Foreign Mission Board now has 912 missionaries in 33 countries. Working alongside them are 327 ordained and 494 unordained full-time national workers.

The 2,201 Baptist churches

abroad baptized 20,326 people last year, bringing the total membership to 198,415. Three hundred seventy-three of the churches are self-supporting; and all of them contributed the equivalent of \$957,294 during the year.

He said that the measure of any foreign missionary effort is the extent to which it succeeds in developing indigenous Christian constituencies who become the evangelizing agencies of their own peoples. Dr. Cauthen said there were 1,444 national pastors as compared with 107 missionary pastors last year.

The number of outstations, many of which will become churches, totaled 2,178. There are 3,083 Sunday Schools with enrolment totaling approximately 200,000; and 4,969 other church organizations (Training Unions and missionary societies and auxiliaries) have a combined enrolment of 100,000.

Among the 499 schools conducted by the missions are 19 theological seminaries, which enrolled 697 of the 64,362 students in all the schools.

Eight hospitals, four dispensaries and twelve clinics served 187,764 patients.

Nine publication plants printed 51,000 Bibles, 577,699 copies of 244 books, 6,139,414 pieces of 226 tracts and 1,356,600 copies of 84 magazines.

Nine good will centers enrolled 773 children and 135 adults. Three mission orphanages cared for 153 children.

The Foreign Mission Board appointed seventy missionaries in 1953. The total income from the Cooperative Program, Lottie Moon Offering, and relief and other designated gifts amounted to \$9,201,059. Approximately ninety-four per cent of this total was used for support of missionaries and work conducted abroad.

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Joe Abrams Named Head Public Relations Group

SAINT LOUIS—Public relations and press representatives of Southern Baptist Convention agencies, boards, commissions, and institutions and state conventions formed a Baptist Public Relations Association at a special meeting in St. Louis. The new organization has twenty-two charter members and will eventually include approximately 200 members who work with public relations media for Southern Baptists. The association will meet each year at the time of the annual convention and will also conduct a two-day workshop during the year. A monthly Public Relations newsletter will be sent to all members containing publicity and promotional ideas which can be used in religious information work.

Joe Abrams, Jackson, Miss., was elected president of the association. Other officers include Leonard L. Holloway, Dallas, Tex., program vice-president; Mrs. Agnes Ford, Nashville, Tenn., membership vice-president; Arthur Davenport, Oklahoma City, Okla., editor of the newsletter; and Mrs. William S. Davis, Nashville, Tenn., secretary-treasurer.

Niland Chapel Ordains Charles W. Smith



CHARLES W. SMITH

Charles Weathersby Smith, who has been serving as pastor of the Niland Chapel Church for several months, was recently ordained to the ministry by that church.

Pastors having a part in the services were Rev. J. O. Weaver of Merigold, Rev. J. F. McCreary and Dr. W. E. Prout.

Rev. F. V. McFatrige served as examiner and presented the Bible; Rev. C. S. Cadwallader preached the ordination sermon; Rev. W. R. Swenson gave the charge; Rev. H. J. Logan led in the ordination prayer; Rev. Charles Everitt presided over the service.

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Included in Doris Anderson's ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GAMES are 686 games for every age group. The "veritable treasure-chest of games" contains 155 indoor games, 140 outdoor games, 32 children's games for indoors, 95 children's games for outdoors, 44 games for fun at the waterfront, 18 winter games, 85 written games, 7 musical games, 14 "mental marvels", 25 icebreakers, 18 traveling games, and 53 stunts. Mrs. Anderson, the wife of Author Ken Anderson, who is also producer for Gospel Films, Inc., Muskegon, Michigan, says that she has selected the games with utmost care, seeking games that were not mediocre but that were usable and interesting. She wrote the book "to show Christians how to have a good time" and to teach many "that Christians are the happiest people in all the world." Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan for \$2.95.

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Convention Sidelights

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prefer to return their own punts, call their own signals, do their own blocking, run their own interference and set off for a goal line diagonal with the field. But—they refuse to recover their own fumbles."

The power of the Word was emphasized by Joel Sorenson, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance by the following illustration:

"Turn to the Baptist church in Salzburg, Austria—just to focus attention on a concrete example. About five years ago there was a handful of people in that church. Then a young railroad man in the community, a believing and faithful Roman Catholic, got hold of a Protestant New Testament, and began to read. A new world opened up for him. The words of God took hold of him, and he had an experience of forgiveness, grace and new life with Jesus Christ as the only one present. Then he looked around to find a group, which resembled the church, of which he read in the Acts and in Paul's epistles. He found the Baptists. He did not like their name, he told me, but he liked the people, and the kind of Christian community life they lived. He was baptized, began to preach, studied some, was ordained—and today, about five years later, there are more than 200 members in the church!"

Traffic rules are enforced in St. Louis. Several messengers will testify to this fact. Being a visitor is no excuse. Several parked on yellow lines and returned to find their cars gone. After anxious moments and a lot of inquiring they found their cars had been towed to a garage by a police tow truck. But they got their cars back—upon payment of \$8.00 for towing and insurance.

When a visiting newspaper reporter asked to be shown to the press room, an obliging attendant led him to the tailor shop. One pleasing part of the convention program was the fact that every session closed with a sermon and all of them were of high order. Some of them had to be hurriedly condensed due to the fact that in most cases the convention ran behind. It was an easy thing to vote to extend the time five minutes here and ten minutes there, but in the long run the last speaker suffered, at least the loss of the time allotted.

We suggest to the program committee that the inspirational addresses be planned for the middle of the session. Then if the time is pushed back it will not push them completely out or almost out, as some were at the recent convention. Then when time is needed other matters can be taken up after the delivery of the inspirational address.

Believe it or not, the convention found itself ahead of time on Wednesday morning. No one seemed to suffer because of it.

St. Louis certainly put out the welcome mat. Hardly had we stepped off our plane before a young man was in front of us with a big sign welcoming Southern Baptists to St. Louis. He then followed us to the bus and presented us with some maps and other helpful material.

We do not know whether or not it was symbolic, but as Baptists love plenty of water at certain times, they got it at midnight on Monday.

East McComb Ordains Howard C. Brister, Jr.



REV. HOWARD C. BRISTER, JR.

Rev. Howard C. Brister, Jr., was ordained to the gospel ministry in special services held at the East McComb Church on Sunday afternoon, May 23, in which the Friendship Church, Pike county, and the East McComb Church participated jointly.

Mr. Brister has been actively engaged in ministerial duties during the three years of his work at Mississippi College where he has finished his junior year. During the past two years he has been active as associate pastor of Friendship Church, working with the pastor, Rev. Gordon Shamburger, and Friendship Mission. Upon his graduation from Mississippi College next year he plans to enter the New Orleans Seminary.

He is married to the former Betty Stovall of McComb, who is also a student at Mississippi College, and is the son of Mrs. H. C. Brister and the late Howard C. Brister, Sr., of McComb.

THE HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN BAPTISTS by Floyd Looney, editor of the California Southern Baptist, and published by the Board of Directors of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California (\$4.12) is a large volume of 494 pages, giving the history of the marvelous work in California which is only 13 years old. It is thrilling reading. Order from the author, 1405 Broadway, Fresno, California.

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Liberty

While Pastor Roy Collums combined a visit with relatives and attendance upon the Southern Baptist Convention we had the privilege of preaching for him the Sunday before the convention.

As always, the crowds at Liberty were good and exceedingly attentive.

This is one of the few churches in the state that seem to have as good crowds in the evening as they do at the morning service.

Amite County Record readers are now listed as follows: CALVARY, 31; BETHEL, 45; BERTWICK, 24; CROSBY, 56; EAST FORK, 4; EBENEZER, 20; GALLILEE, 96; GILLSBURG, 100; GLADING, 24; LIBERTY, 179; MARS HILL, 93; MT. OLIVE, 1; MT. PLEASANT, 33; MT. VERNON, 49; NEW ZION, 24; ROBINSO, 28; ZION HILL, 41.

29th Street Mission

Although not yet organized as a church, the 29th Street Mission of Long Beach is one of the most recent additions to the growing list that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Rev. A. L. Hatten, Mississippi College student, is the pastor. The mission was sponsored in August, 1953 by the Long Beach Church, Rev. John W. Green, pastor.

Soon after Mr. Green led a brush arbor revival the people began contributing toward a building to be erected on a lot donated by Eddie James.

There have been 30 additions by baptism and 47 by letter and statement.

The young mission contributes 10 per cent to the Cooperative Program and 2 per cent to associational missions in addition to having the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Record readers in Harrison County are now listed as follows: BIG RIDGE, 31; BILOXI, FIRST, 243; BILOXI, EAST HOWARD, 137; CALVARY MISSION, 31; GULFPORT, FIRT, 864; GULFPORT, BROADMOOR, 53; GULFPORT, GRACE MEMORIAL, 63; FERNWOOD (BOWEN MEMORIAL, 53; HANDSBORO, 144; LONG BEACH, 169; 29TH STREET MISSION, 24; MISSISSIPPI CITY MISSION, 23; NEW HOPE, 63; PASS CHRISTIAN, 28; Sharon, 15; WEST GULFPORT, 29; WOOLMARKET, 35; LYMAN, 36; Riverside, 10; McHENRY, 21; Pass Road, 17; SUCCESS, 23; TRINITY, 124.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. —(RNS)

—Dr. V. Carney Hargroves, for 22 years pastor of Second Baptist Church, Germantown, Pa., was elected president of the American Baptist Convention at the denomination's annual meeting here. He succeeds Dr. Winfield Edson, Long Beach, Calif. A native Virginian whose family has lived on the same property since 1667, Dr. Hargroves was formerly a Southern Baptist. He is a graduate of Princeton University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

June 6, 1954

Laurel, West	395	94
Edwards	87	41
Clarksdale	309	70
Hattiesburg, Main St.	910	336
Laurel, First	561	139
Meridian, 41st Ave.	343	94
Calvary, Jackson	1328	370
Mission	48	31
Corinth, Tate St.	291	69
Jackson, South Side	424	158
Richland (Rankin)	102	56
Jackson, Parkway	1054	474
Byram (Hinds)	159	127
Pearl (Rankin)	164	102
Flowood	109	109
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	193	113
Jackson, Highland	122	86
White Rock Mission	8	
Jackson, Van Winkle	449	219
Jackson, First	1360	434
Jackson, Crestwood	617	437
Jackson, West	313	134
Jackson, Broadmoor	387	189
Jackson, North Side	524	184
Macedonia (Lincoln)	212	
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	638	279
Jackson, Ridgecrest	246	106
McComb, Friendship	165	90
Laurel, Harmony	156	85
Gulfport, Calvary	47	25
Gulfport, First	879	270
Laurel, Second Ave.	381	122
Stonewall	189	96
Springfield (Scott)	142	101
Clarksdale, Riverside	246	107
Petal-Harvey	317	93
Main School	263	
Harvey	54	
Hattiesburg, Temple	540	147
Calhoun City, First	314	131
Souenlovie (Clarks)	61	49
Lucedale	261	116
Brooklyn (First)	119	50
Laurel, Wildwood	159	70
Concord (Choctaw)	97	122
Union (Alcorn)	136	82
New Sight (Lincoln)	136	63
Laurel, Highland	167	86
Columbus, East End	244	111
Longview (Oktibbeha)	93	95
McComb, East	468	192
Ruleville	264	63
Crowder	185	91
West Point, Calvary	247	144
Morton (Scott)	344	142
Main Church	322	
Mission	22	
Shiloh (Marion)	46	73
Hebron (Jones)	84	71
Amity (Chickasaw)	63	64
Tupelo, East	273	142
Tupelo, Harrisburg	560	197
Ellison Ridge (Winston)	95	53
Bethlehem (Jones)	156	107
Glenfield (Union)	87	73
Union Chapel (Chickasaw)	81	82
Yellow Leaf (Lafayette)	85	73
Grenada, Emmanuel	260	66
Main Church	248	66
Futheyville Chapel	22	
Grenada, First	555	134
Kosciusko, First	758	223
Aberdeen, First	404	94
Wayside (Yalobusha)	59	
Cleveland, First	526	112
Main School	458	
Chinese Mission	68	
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	167	62
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	74	75
Pascagoula, First	821	275
Main School	643	206
Jackson Ave. Chapel	67	22
McArthur Chapel	76	28
Orange Grove Chapel	35	19
East Corinth (Alcorn)	156	111
New Prospect (Lafayette)	94	76
Bay St. Louis, First	121	25
Meridian, Highland	649	205
Biloxi, Trinity	189	67
Newton, First	475	189
New Albany, First	406	162

DANIEL AND THE LATTER

DAYS by Robert D. Culver is a stout defense of the Premillennial doctrine as opposed to Amillennialism and Postmillennialism. This book will be of interest to students of prophecy, and to ministers, professors and instructors in colleges, and seminaries, as well as to lay Bible students. Mr. Culver is currently teaching Bible and Apologetics at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. Part One of the volume gives the premillennial view and Part Two discusses the premillennial approach to the book of Daniel. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Fleming H. Revell, 316 Third Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey for \$2.50.

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The purple-tinged peaks of Nevada's Timber Mountains inspired Renee C. Gibson to give to her new devotional book the title, JOURNEY TO THE PURPLE MOUNTAINS. Its 36 pages depict a journey from dark despair to spiritual peace—a journey from sense consciousness to soul consciousness. Simply written in vivid, colorful language the book teaches the reader that the pathway to harmonious living lies in a greater love for his fellow man and complete surrender to Divine Guidance. Forgiveness, sharing, and understanding are necessary to the art of living. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Vantage Press, Inc., New York for \$2.

Mission	47	
Philadelphia, First	364	103
Spanish Fort	61	42
Holly Bluff	128	80
Greenville, Second	572	233
Charleston, First	389	113
Yazoo City, First	418	124
Soso, First	188	112
Yazoo City, Calvary	163	102
McComb, Locust St.	92	56
Darling	95	47
North Oxford, (Lafayette)	190	106
Friendship (Tallahatchie)	55	41
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	406	101
Canton, Center Terrace	258	121
Skene	99	51
Columbia, First	714	234
Main Church	667	204
So. Columbia Mis.	47	30
Liberty (Winston)	125	115
Biloxi, First	606	200
Long Beach, First	247	80
Main Church	205	
29th St. Mission	47	

May 30, 1954

Calhoun City, First	537	140
Hernando, First	148	83
Purvis, First	196	63
Mission	9	
Corinth, Tate St.	307	89
Canton, Center Terrace	262	103
Bethlehem (Jones)	167	140
Laurel, Wildwood	190	71
Soso, First	139	76
Brooklyn, First	125	74
Natchez, Immanuel	285	234
Biloxi, Trinity	188	72
Shiloh (Marion)	62	63
Holly Bluff	91	60
Spanish Fort	41	31
Springfield (Adams)	79	49
Brookhaven, Hamilton St.	106	99
Friendship (Jackson)	97	71
Cold Springs (Covington)	78	68
Wayside (Yalobusha)	61	
Rolling Creek (Clarke)	88	66
Corinth, East	143	69
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	153	127
Gulfport, New Hope	144	51

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Carman Sharp Called To Clarksdale Church



REV. C. CARMAN SHARP

Rev. C. Carman Sharp of Bardstown, Ky., has accepted a call to the Clarksdale Baptist Church and will begin his pastorate there the first week of June.

He grew up in Corinth, Miss., and finished high school there in 1937. He graduated from Mississippi College in 1941, and graduated from the Southern Seminary in 1947 with B. D. Degree.

Mr. Sharp served as pastor of the New Salem Church, Deatsville, Ky., until 1944 when he entered the army services as chaplain.

On returning from the army service to the Seminary he was called to the Bardstown church and has served them until his call to

BENJAMIN CONWAY NATIONS

Six months ago—Dear Husband and Daddy,
God called to you, "Come Home."

Though broken hearts still grieve,
And thoughts wander to a grave just over the way,
We still say God's will be done,
As his way is always best,
This world would seem like Heaven,
If you were here again,
But we hope some day after life is done,
We'll all meet on that Heavenly Shore.

To know you was to love you,
A statement very true,
Your work will shine on and on,
Though your earthly task is through.

Thoughts are always hovering about you,
And though you are gone we still say,

We need the happiness, joy and laughter,

You spread from day to day.
How we wish you were here today.

But we realize He knew best.
May we soon meet again in Heaven,

Where pain knows no home,
Where disappointment cannot enter,
And hearts are never sad again.

Sadly Missed,
By: Wife and Children
(PAID)

Clarksdale Church.

His wife is the former Miss Caroline Griffith of Pass Christian, who finished at Mississippi College with him in 1941. They have three daughters, eight, five and three.

May Receipts For Coop Program Up 15% Over May '53

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for May totaled \$83,514.79, a gain of \$10,743.85 or 14.76 per cent over May or last year, it has been announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

The grand total for this convention year through May 31 was \$745,587.92, a gain of \$89,091.10 over the same period last year.

This year's receipts to date show a gain of 13.57 per cent over the same period a year ago.

This year's objective of \$1,500,000 calls for a 25 per cent increase over last year, according to Dr. Quarles, who was quick to point to our continued emphasis on increasing our Cooperative Program giving.

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Zion-Oktibbeha Pastor's Conference To Meet

The Zion-Oktibbeha Pastor's Conference will hold their next meeting on June 14, at the Mathiston Baptist Church at 10 o'clock.

The following program will be observed: Song and praise; report of Rural Conference by Rev. Charles Bryant; Bible Study, Rev. J. B. Wages; Evangelism, Rev. J. B. Smith; School of Missions by Rev. Frank Armstrong; and at 12 o'clock noon, business and adjournment.

—BR—

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

Church	Enrol.	Offg.
Bude & Hopewell	115	19.72
Union (Pearl River)	157	30.00
Sardis	85	12.25
Oakland (Tippah)	84	9.45
Clear Creek (Wayne)	53	5.48
Jericho (Union)	145	57.77
Union First	229	36.06
Bethel (Grenada)	33	12.50
Purvis First	150	25.00
Thaxton	68	3.80
Oak Grove (Miss.)	75	20.00
Calvary (Miss.)	75	9.85
Shady Grove (Copiah)	130	21.00
Pachuta	59	4.75
Wiggins	147	26.42
New Albany First	275	24.66
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Arkabutla	93	9.54
Union (Negro)	120	
Hickory Ridge (Rankin)	79	12.87
Richland (Rankin)	156	14.58
Mt. Moriah (Tippah)	58	4.50
Rocky Creek (George)	195	31.49
Oral (Lamar)	59	6.32
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Bethel (Yalobusha)	71	25.00
New Haven (Hinds)	35	3.50
Laurel First	152	17.00
Quitman First	275	23.00
Flowood	68	
Central Grove (Monroe)	121	40.52

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MACON—The First Baptist Church Brotherhood, Howard Clarke, president, plans a big family get-together for Thursday afternoon and night, June 17. Fellowship and fun for husbands, wives and children from 4 to 7 with supper (community style) at 7.

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BAPTIST RECORD NEXT WEEK WILL FEATURE STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL

Next week's Baptist Record will feature Stewardship Revival, 1954, which is scheduled for Oct. 31-Nov. 7 or the nearest convenient week.

The issue will carry the list of churches already committed to observe the Week as well as many other features.

Look for your Baptist Record next week.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

June 14—Glorieta Training Union Leadership Assembly; Rev. D. O. Horne, Mississippi Association Organizer of Evangelism.
June 15—J. T. Marbury, Sr., Pike Associational Brotherhood President; Mrs. Warren B. Wall, Lebanon Associational W. M. U. superintendent.
June 16—E. L. Sessums, Winston Associational Sunday School Superintendent; Lavelle Patterson, Lamar Associational Training Union Director.
June 17—Rev. Russell McIntire, State BSU Pastor Adviser; F. H. Miller, Kemper Representative, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.
June 18—Mrs. Charles Miller, Baptist Building; Rev. James Harrell, Wayne Associational Missionary.
June 19—P. I. Lipsey, Mississippi College faculty; Dr. Brooks H. Wester, Committee on Committees for 1954 Baptist Convention.
June 20—Dr. Norman Price, Trustee, Baptist Hospital; Louie Farmer, Mississippi Southern, State Student Director Representative.

Missions is not a fragile undertaking. The Lord himself is in the middle of it.—Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

50 YEARS AGO—

President W. T. Lowrey writes glowingly of the closing of Mississippi College's fifty-fourth year under Baptist auspices with 333 students enrolled.

40 YEARS AGO—

There were eighteen additions to the membership of the Carriere Church, Pearl River county, during the annual revival meeting in which Pastor W. B. Holcomb was assisted by Rev. A. L. O'Brian.

"A Member" of the Fisherville Baptist Church in Kentucky writes, "It is with sad and aching hearts that we at Fisherville have given up our dear pastor, J. L. Boyd." Brother Boyd has just recently received his degree of Master in Theology at the Louisville Seminary and returned to Mississippi to become the pastor of the Central Church, Coldwater.

25 YEARS AGO—

Pastor W. E. Hellen of the West Laurel Church reports 58 additions, 33 by baptism, during a meeting in which Sunday School Evangelist J. E. Byrd did the preaching. Virgil Posey of Jackson led the singing.

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SBC Refers

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cial equality and inter-marriage of the races.

If anyone is under the impression that the action taken by the convention was the will of all or most of the people they should have been with the writer during the past 48 hours. Phone calls, letters, messages and personal interviews have taken a lot of our time and all were highly indignant.

To the surprise of many the convention voted to authorize the agencies of the SBC to grant the privilege to employees of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon and Washington to aid churches affiliated with that convention even though their salaries may be paid in part by the said agencies of the SBC. (This means aiding Canadian churches).

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the First Church, Jackson, made a point of order that the motion which had been made by Rev. R. E. Milam, executive secretary of Oregon and Washington violates Article II of the Constitution of the Convention. The article reads as follows:

Article II. Purpose: It is the purpose of the convention to provide a general organization for Baptists in the United States and its territories for the promotion of Christian missions at home and abroad, and many other objects such as Christian education, benevolent enterprises, and social services which it may deem proper and advisable for the furtherance of the kingdom of God.

Dr. Storer, the president sustained the point of order but Mr. Milam appealed from the ruling of the chair. He did not give any reason why it was not contrary to the constitution. However, the messengers voted to overrule the decision of the president and the motion was adopted. Thus the SB Convention now becomes in deed if not in name the Southern Baptist Convention of the United States and Canada.

Dr. L. E. Barton of Alabama felt that omitting sessions in the afternoon in order to give the messengers time to work on committees was a mistake and he moved that the committee on order of business be instructed to provide two afternoon sessions. The motion carried. However, the next day it occurred to some of the messengers that the auditorium in Miami is about five or six miles from the Miami hotels and the parking facilities around the auditorium are very inadequate. The Barton motion was reconsidered and the morning and night sessions restored.

The Royal Ambassador Committee with Dr. R. E. Naylor as chairman brought a report favoring the transfer of the Royal Ambassador work from the W. M. U. to the Brotherhood with the understanding that the W. M. U. would assist in its promotion for three years and would also contribute \$10,000 annually during these three years and that the executive committee would provide the needed additional funds.

It was also specified that a Royal Ambassador secretary should be selected.

Several resolutions were passed. The gist of them are:

1. By R. E. Alley of Virginia:

That the convention authorize the president to appoint a special committee of seven to search for and to recommend a procedure for prior consideration by the executive committee of all matters that have to do with changes in policy by any agency of the convention when these changes require approval by the Convention.

2. By J. M. Price of Texas and Alfred Carpenter of Georgia: That the convention go on record as favoring Congressman Lucas bill which would include fulltime, vocational lay religious lay workers, or students preparing for such service, under the 4-D classification.

3. By R. Paul Caudill and several others: That this convention authorize its president to appoint a representative committee to study additional ways and means by which the rank and file of our churches may be aroused to action in increasing their support of all our convention agencies and particularly world evangelization.

4. By Rev. Stanley E. Wilkes and Deacon G. V. Doyle of Texas: That we commend our laymen who have launched "on the job" daily devotions (in shops, stores and factories etc); that we urge other laymen to do likewise where they work; that we request the Christian Life Commission, the Brotherhood and the editors to publicize this needed ministry and that the Christian Life Commission and the Committee on Denominational Calendar give consideration to the possibility of a special season for this ministry.

5. By H. H. Hargrove of Texas: That the executive committee be asked to study the matter of advertising to get their message and doctrinal position to the multitude who never otherwise receive them.

6. That we fraternally urge all our churches and our people to make worthy contributions to the work of the American Bible Society in order to provide enough Scriptures for world-wide missionary needs for the printed word of God.

7. By Duke K. McCall of Kentucky: That by act of this convention we have refused to withhold help from Baptist churches beyond the border of our nation. We do not intend thereby to impugn the Christian faith of our fellow members of the Baptist World Alliance in Canada. We would extend our help to them to the extent of our resources even as we would ask their help, knowing that we can do no less for each other than to pray for each other that God may grant our respective conventions the leadership and power of the Holy Spirit that the world may know our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Editor's Note: We cannot read other people's minds but this resolution seems to be a salve to soothe the feeling of the Canadians whom we feel are not going to feel too happy over our invasion of Canada.

All the Seminaries reported progress with building plans in the making for each one. The high spots of each Seminary report follows:

Southern

Enrolment during the 1953-54 session reached 1,529 students, almost four times that of 25 years ago. The Seminary has an instructional staff of 85 members, and 172 other employees. Enrolment has contin-

ued to increase, in spite of efforts to reduce the student body.

During the past year the Seminary inaugurated a night school to provide for student wives who work during the day time, and has made plans for its first summer school to open June 8. The School of Religious Education, organized last year to offer increased opportunities for training workers in religious education, has just completed its first-year operation. Enrolment in the new school is expected to double next year.

Tentative plans have been made for the construction of a new library to be completed for the Seminary's centennial in 1959. At the present rate of the addition of new books to the Seminary library there will be no more stack space available after 1957. Women enrolled in the School of Religious Education and the School of Church Music are now being housed in one wing of the men's dormitory. A new dormitory for women students is urgently needed.

Southwestern

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Fort Worth, Texas, has announced a \$10,000,000 expansion program, half to be spent on needed buildings and half for endowment. According to the newly-elected president, Dr. J. Howard Williams, the trustees have approved a program that will provide a minimum of 500 living units for students and needed buildings on the campus for administrative and teaching purposes. 1948 families, with one or more of their number attending Southwestern, lived off the campus last year because there were no facilities available and provided by the Seminary.

The trustees also approved enlargement of the faculty with eleven new members to be added within the next eighteen months.

The enrolment reached an all time high of 2304, 1399 being in the School of Theology, 853 in the School of Theology, 853 in the 104 in the School of Sacred Music. During the year evening classes were begun to relieve the congestion of the day schedule, 321 attended these evening classes during the last semester.

Not included in the enrolment is the extension work of the Seminary among the Negroes. Twenty-one classes are conducted in nine different centers throughout the state of Texas, enrolling 569 pupils. This work is under the general supervision of Dr. Charles P. Johnson, assistant librarian at Southwestern, and is carried on in cooperation with the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

To beat the heat, the classrooms and administrative facilities are being air-conditioned. Price Hall for the School of Religious Education was air-conditioned when it was built. The Truett-Scarborough-Fleming Memorial Building is now in the process, and ultimately it is hoped that Cowden Hall for the School of Sacred Music will be completely renovated and air-conditioned.

New Orleans

A four-million dollar campus was opened to students for matriculation on September 1, 1953, at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. The new 75-acre campus on Gentilly Boulevard, purchased on February 5, 1947, was formally de-

OAK GROVE PASTOR

Shown here is Rev. Hugh Smith, pastor of the Oak Grove Church in Winston Association. All organizations of the church have been making excellent progress. Prayer

meeting services have been started and the average attendance is 45.

The church has voted to go full-time beginning June 6. Four new deacons have been elected and the auditorium has been completely redecorated.

dedicated with a day of jubilation on September 3.

The new campus holds the following buildings: administration, class rooms and chapel, library, music school, children's building, cafeteria, residence halls for men and women, 99 student family apartments and 16 faculty residences. The buildings have been erected on a pay-as-you-go basis, and the Seminary is not in debt save for some gift annuity contracts.

Enrollment of the Seminary is expanding in proportion to the physical expansion. In 8 years the student enrollment has increased from 331 to 845 at the present time. Of these, 550 are ordained or licensed ministers. More than 600 hold college degrees, and 125 colleges are represented in the student body.

Erection of 100 new student family apartments was begun in April, and the erection of a \$250,000 building for the School of Religious Education will commence not later than July 1.

Southeastern

Southeastern opened its doors in the fall of 1951 with four faculty members and seventy-four students. Within three years the faculty has grown to fourteen members and the student body to 343.

Dr. Sealy the president, called attention to the fact that the Wake Forest College campus had been purchased by the Southern Baptist Convention for the sum of \$1,600,000.00 in 1949 but that it would be 1955 or 1956 before the Seminary could obtain full use of the plant. The sale of the Wake Forest property came as a result of the decision to move Wake Forest College to Winston-Salem.

Golden Gate

Dr. Harold K. Graves, ending his second year as president of the western seminary, gave full facts and figures to justify continued and increasing support from Southern Baptists across the nation. Most significant of all was the report that Golden Gate students, following the pattern of New Orleans Baptist Seminary, are effectively touching thousands of lives, personally or in the pulpit, every month with the Gospel and that nearly 1,000 persons have come in to their churches either by baptism or by letter in the past school session. Regular street and rescue mission services are held in downtown Oakland and San Francisco, and foreign students find a fertile field of service among the more than 1,000 other foreign students at the University of California. Students reported 3,650 soul-winning talks, 8,300 home visits in addition

to their 2,700 sermons preached in the fall semester of 1953 alone.

It was pointed out that the cosmopolitan make-up of the students, representing thirty-one states, eight foreign countries and eighty-four undergraduate schools, together with the unprecedented response of resident Californians to the Southern Baptist faith, would be a challenge to any religious leaders; that the new site, recently acquired at a cost of \$400,000 and one of the most appropriate and beautiful in the world, as the Southern Baptist answer to this challenge in that a \$9,000,000 building program would be carried through during the next decade to accommodate an ultimate student body of 1,000 and first units, to provide for 500, would be rushed through by 1959 at a cost of \$4,000,000.

The growth of Southern Baptist churches in California has been one of the encouraging signs of American spiritual awakening. Southern Baptist churches originally followed their people to California, and within fifteen years some 400 have taken root. The 273 Seminary students will now take the lead in helping to organize 25 new churches each year for five years.

In addition to naming Dr. Monroe F. Swilley of Atlanta, Georgia as the 1955 Convention preacher and Dr. Vaughn C. Rock, Phoenix, Ariz. as his alternate the Committee on Time, place and preacher made the following recommendation which were adopted:

I. That the Convention instruct the committee on arrangements of the Executive Committee of the Convention to study the advisability of the convention meeting from Friday through Tuesday and to present recommendations for action upon this suggestion at our next annual meeting in Miami.

II. In support of recent action taken by the Executive Committee we recommend that the Time, Place, and Preacher Committee bring recommendations annually for the place of convention meetings three years in advance rather than two years in advance.

III. That the Executive Committee study recommending a plan of rotation for the meetings of the convention among cities that can adequately accommodate our convention and bring such recommendations at our next annual meeting in Miami.

IV. That the Convention hold our 1956 annual meeting in Kansas City Missouri, May 29-June, Wednesday through Saturday noon.

V. That the Convention hold our 1957 annual meeting in Chicago, Ill., May 26-June 2, Wednesday through Saturday in consideration of the celebration of the 50th year of organization of the Illinois Baptist Convention.

VI. That the 1955 Committee please consider the invitation of Fort Worth and Dallas, Tex., for 1958, and Louisville, Ky., Southern Seminary for 1959.

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100,000 Men Available

Mississippi Baptist Churches have about 100,000 men members. It should cause us to quake in our boots to reflect upon our potential. May God give us the wisdom to make use of this great reservoir of wasted manpower—at least seventy-five per cent of which is now unenlisted.

The Making, Meaning, And Mission Of The Southern Baptist Convention

BY DR. J. W. STORER

Editor's Note: One of the finest features of the recent Southern Baptist Convention was the address of the president, Dr. J. W. Storer. Space limitations prevent publishing the address in full but below is printed as much of it as space will allow.)

When the Southern Baptist Convention began its existence in 1845, at Augusta, Georgia, there was a registration of 236. These men were Baptists, but first they were Christians. Parenthetically the same descriptive, it is to be hoped, will apply to the messengers meeting in St. Louis today—and will always hold true of Baptists anywhere and at any time, that they first be Christians, and that they act like Christians.

Let us recognize the truth of this—and then shall our every act and utterance in this Convention be under His control—for the blood that cleanses us, also claims us.

What began in 1845, was that as an organization of Southern Baptists our people then, as have their successors since, set themselves to the obedient fulfillment of Christ's command in the various commissions He gave to His followers to witness to the world, and making disciples, to teach them all things whatsoever He commanded, to the end of time.

When we say that the Southern Baptist Convention was founded by those 236 messengers, we have, unwittingly to be sure, given complete credit where it did not completely belong. If there is any lesson which is plainly revealed, it is that the Holy Spirit was the founding Person, and the messengers were used by Him.

Yet the fact remains, that Christianity must move from within—the expulsive, propulsive force of the Holy Spirit. God works in us in order that He may work through us. It has ever been thus with the organization of every great missionary movement, and I might add, with the development of our schools, our Hospitals, and our Seminaries.

Let us ever exalt the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and be grateful that we have no man or group of men who have laid out for us an anatomical and comprehensive organization in accordance with which all details must be exactly followed, failure so to do meaning an automatic casting into an outer darkness, and removal therefrom depending on a suppliant posture and an opened purse. Let us ever be remembered, for memory too often treasures bits of rags and straw and throws her jewels out of the window, that the function of the churches and of this Convention is not legislative, but declarative. Our Convention does not rest on accretions of church authority, but on the experimental verification of Scriptural truth. May the day never come when Southern Baptists will cease to shy at the shadow of hierarchal autocracy. It may be an easy way of religion to let an organization do your thinking for you, but the way of the Bible is "Come, let us reason together, saith the Lord." What is the grandeur of an ecclesiastical

Caesar compared with the grandeur of Christ?

We recognize that there is a great problem in achieving unity in action without centralization of power. How can the Southern Baptist Convention, with its 29,496 churches its 1,001 associations, its approximately 8,000,000 members, how can there be any semblance of unity where there is no authoritarian voice of command? It can only be done under the Spirit's guidance and in accordance with the law of life found in Ephesians 4:16, "All the body fitly framed and knit together through that which every joint supplieth, according to the working in due measure of each several part, maketh the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love."

In the human body there are twelve major and fifty or more minor joints—to say nothing of the vertebral column which is not as rigid as is sometimes supposed. All joints are not alike, which is illustrative of diversity and initiative, that voluntary principle which Baptists so correctly prize. To be sure, there are Baptists who seem dedicated to separatism, who refuse to play on the team, who prefer to return their own punts, call their own signals, do their own blocking, run their own interference, and set off for a goal line diagonal with the field. They refuse, however to recover their own fumbles. But as our beloved Uncle Gideon once said, "It is better that a few characters do foolish things than to repress all personal effort." The perfecting of Convention activities into a closer and more co-ordinating effort and relationship is but a means to an end; the object is the most effective utilization of our forces for the preaching of the Gospel.

So much for the making and meaning of our Convention, what of its mission?

We hold it to be true that there was continued justification for the existence of our Convention, not for its own sake but for the sake of an unblemished Christianity. For this, Southern Baptists have a responsibility which they may ignore, but which cannot be waived. As we have through the centuries, so must we persist in contending for the right of private judgment in religious affairs, for the supremacy of the Scriptures as the guide for faith and practice; that there must be complete separation of church and state, that there must be democracy of fellowship, that the church be composed of regenerated men and women, that there must be correct observance of believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper, and that we shall ever protest against errors.

But our mission is more than that it cannot be less than obedience to our Lord's command to seek out the lost and point to Him as the only and complete Savior from sin, to make of Him both Lord and Master.

I have said that this is a day of action—not debate. We must meet it with the spirit of adventure, of daring in a word, with faith. Moreover it must be met with liberality and sacrifice. What can be more

tragic than self-centered preachers of the gospel of sacrifice! Our trouble is we are too worldly wise, too prone to walk by sight. We look at the wording on the dollar, "In God we trust," but we do not mean it—we worship plans and with our partial wisdom we would safeguard God, to the point of doing nothing. Recall, please that the only living thing on which the curse of Jesus fell was a fig tree that bore no fruit. There is a limit to the time for meeting our inescapable responsibility. We must be men and women of faith, and act as if we were.

The great Commission calls for a great committal. To that, the Southern Baptist Convention must give itself, and call its constituent members to a renewed witness to the good news of the once crucified but now risen Lord, to His saving power, and sovereignty. "Tis only this that can turn man-made ugliness into beauty. Said our Lord, "Ye are witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Ghost whom God hath given to them that obey Him." What a marvel here—we and the Holy Ghost! It is humbling to know that we are among many—it is uplifting to know that we are not without significance in the counsels of God.

The lengthening shadows and the gravity of our times should shame all such religious historicisms. This is no time for shadow boxing, for tight rope walking, or for bickering within the camp. We are called to go without the camp, bearing His reproach, to go unto all the world, not withdrawn from it. It was this conception which gave birth and purpose to the Southern Baptist Convention, and to that purpose we are consigned. It may be dangerous—but what of that? Christ never called us a care-free saunter through unshadowed spaces—Christian faith depends upon strong promises, never from immunity of attack. If our witness is not opposed it is not worth opposing.

Those who know me, will not think of me as a visionary. But, my brethren, I am persuaded that God wills us to have a stepped up vision about our mission work. We back home have so much, and they out there have so little. In that precious old hymn we sing, "we share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens share, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear." The lines are Scriptural, and in proper sequence for sympathy to the point of tears, without sharing, or bearing, moves neither mountains nor pleases our Heavenly Father.

May I paraphrase that never to be forgotten speech by Britain's war-time leader on the dread day following Dunkirk, and say to this Convention: We have before us an ordeal of the most grievous kind involving struggle until Christ shall come again. You ask, what is our plan? I will say it is to wage a battle with all our might and all the strength that God can give us, for we wage a war against the wiles of evil. That is our plan. You ask, what is our aim? I can answer it in one word, Victory! Let us, therefore, brace ourselves to our duty, and so bear ourselves that, if Christ's return be delayed for a thousand years, men will say of our Convention, this was their finest hour!

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Mrs. Allen, the wife of Dr. Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, is widely known for her religious books for children, and is a leader in the field of religious education. With a B.S. and M.A. from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Mrs. Allen taught school for a number of years in rural schools, and in Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg. For two years she was educational director of the First Baptist Church, Hartsville, S. C., and for a number of years did editorial work for the Baptist Sunday School Board, as editor of Sunday School and Training Union materials for primaries and juniors and editor of children's books for the Broadman Press, publishing agency of the Board.

Mrs. Allen has conducted workshops on writing for children at

CHILDREN ATTEND PRAYER SESSIONS

Atlanta, —(RNS) — An Atlanta housewife prayed that the Lord would provide something for her to do for Him each day.

Mrs. F. E. McDonald feels that the prayer is answered every morning by some 22 youngsters who crowd into her living room. Tots to teen-agers tumble out of bed early so that they can attend Mrs. McDonald's prayer meetings before school each day. With no prompting and no reward, they come.

Family prayer for her twin daughters, Jean and Joan, 12, and her son, Maurice, 16, has always been a tradition in the McDonald home. The prayer meeting has grown over the past three years as more and more children who were acquainted with the McDonald youngsters asked if they might join the little morning service.

"At the very first my children's friends would come by on their way to school," Mrs. McDonald explained. "They often had to wait until prayer was over. We invited them to participate. Apparently they told others among their young friends, and now we have a houseful every morning!"

Shirley Manus, who comes each day with her little brothers, said, "I wouldn't miss the prayer meeting. It makes me feel good."

The children seat themselves quietly on the living room rug while Mrs. McDonald prays for them, their teachers, and their schoolwork. They recite memory work, sing hymns and hold discussions. Many go to church regularly since joining the prayer group.

Mrs. McDonald teaches Sunday school at Kirkwood Baptist church here, but stresses that no denomination is mentioned at her morning home sessions.

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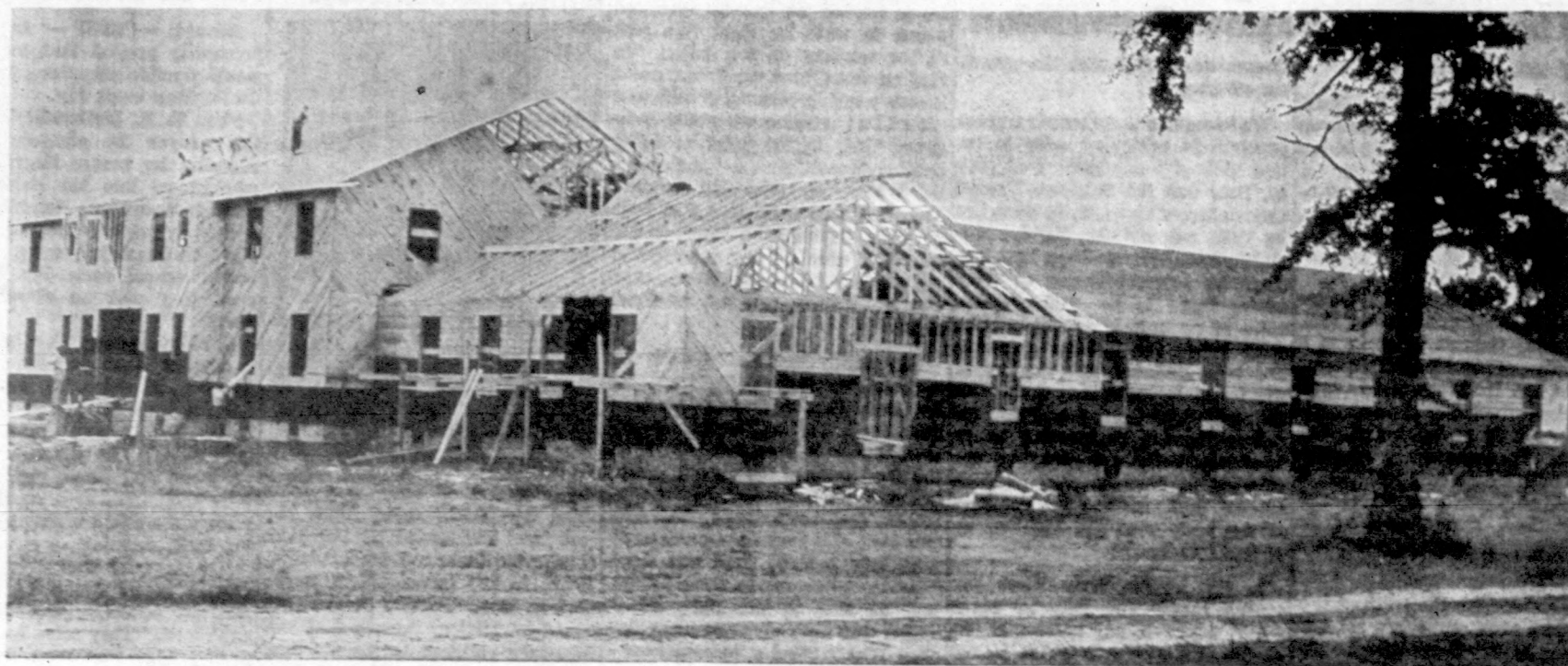
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The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has received a certificate for 38 shares of capital stock of the First National Bank of El Dorado, Arkansas, as a bequest from the will of Mrs. Estelle M. McWilliams, deceased.

D. M. Aldridge, president of Maffoff Baptist Institute, has been elected president of Clear Creek Mountain Preachers School, Pineville, Kentucky. He succeeds L. C. Kellye, retiring.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. Charlie Bryant, Hickory Flat; Joe Kelly McMillen, Hickory Flat; Billy Crawford, Hickory Flat; Neil Roberts, Blue Springs; James Oscar McMillen, Hickory Flat.

Earl Harding, pastor First Baptist Church, Joplin, Missouri, has been elected executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention, succeeding T. W. Medearis whose resignation was announced recently.

The California Southern Baptist Convention has been given a 100-acre tract of land as the site of a new campus for California Baptist College. The land, given by two realtors, is at Tarzana, seventeen miles from the heart of Los Angeles. President Smith announced that the new college will be the first unit of a Southern Baptist University system in the stage, similar to that of the University of California.

Jimmy McCaleb, who recently resigned as Music and Education Director of First Church, Talladega, Alabama, is available as a full-time evangelistic singer. He may be reached at Box 1063, Columbus. Mr. McCaleb is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Broadman Films, producing agency of the Baptist Sunday School Board, has announced three new 16 mm motion picture films, available through Baptist Book Stores at a rental of \$9.00 each. Reaching out deals with the need for more churches; All For Him is a stewardship film; and Missionary to Walker's Garage tells of the daily missionary opportunities of a Christian businessman.

According to a report from Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the SBC, Cooperative Program receipts in Mississippi in May, 1954 were \$52,773.26 and designated offerings were \$49,856.62, making a total of \$102,629.88.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mrs. Don Henderson, Jackson; James Loggans, Raymond; Ann Sims, Laurel; Rev. John L. Gilbert, Florence; Mrs. Mary E. Beasley, Jackson; Rev. R. A. Eddleman, Clinton; Jimmy McCaleb, Columbus.

According to a report from the Executive Committee of the SBC, Cooperative Program receipts from Mississippi during January-May, 1954 were \$235,866.45. During the same period in 1953 they were \$192,255.50. Designated offerings in 1954 were \$237,032.29 and in 1953 were \$205,176.79.

This country is an island of plenty surrounded by an ocean of misery.—Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. Malcolm Knight pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., has been elected chairman of the twenty-seven man Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. He succeeds Dr. Allen W. Graves, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla. Other officers named at the semi-annual business session of the Southern Baptist agency included, Dr. J. T. Ford, pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., vice chairman; and Dr. John Hamrick, pastor of First Baptist Church Charleston, S.C., re-elected secretary.

A human personality dedicated to the sharing of experiences of the good news of a living, saving Christ is the most powerful force in this bewildered world.—Elmer S. West, Jr., Foreign Mission Board secretary for missionary personnel.

Monticello Church held a series of revival services May 23-30. Dr. Allen O. Webb, Bay City, Texas, was the evangelist; and Ralph Young, Pascagoula, led the singing. There were 23 professions of faith, two additions by letter, one surrendering for definite Christian service, and many rededications. Rev. Joe W. Hudson is the pastor.

Not by an interest in their souls alone, but by an active interest in the whole man, which is real Christianity, we can militate against the inroads of Communism.—Malcolm O. Tolbert, missionary to South Brazil.

Those who are called to be more than conquerors through Jesus Christ should not spend precious time in cataloguing impossibilities.—Josef Nordenhaug, president, European Baptist Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Collins, Greenville; Steve Gardner, Louin; Davis Gardner, Louin; Mrs. L. W. Nations, Jackson; Paul Johnson, Bassfield; Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Emerson, Austin, Texas.

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Written especially to be used during the Christian Home Week Emphasis, THE CHALLENGE OF CHRISTIAN PARENTHOOD deals with "the following fundamentals in homemaking: Work; Basic Objectives; health, education, and spiritual development, Timely Discipline; Patterns for Adversity; and Adjustments to Change. When parents relate themselves properly to each of these topics, home life will intrigue and delight each member of the family and will demand the best in training, talent, and energy". Pastors can use the book for a series of Wednesday night services, perhaps beginning Christian Home Week. Groups of parents can use it in informal discussion groups. The joint authors, Dr. and Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, faculty members at Blue Mountain College, state in the preface, "We have endeavored to offer some practical help in making Christian living effective in daily family relationships. . . . We trust that all who are dedicated to the supreme task of rearing children in a Christian home atmosphere will find some help in these pages. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Broadman Press, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, 3, Tennessee for \$.50.

David Reiter, a retired minister of Albuquerque, New Mexico, has written a modern parable entitled THE WAY BACK. Based on the story of the prodigal son, this story of a modern "prodigal son" adds to its entertainment values messages of courage, hope, faith, and the ultimate necessity of the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Bill Caldwell was born on a cattle ranch, but he was not satisfied with the life for which he was superlatively fitted. He wanted to go to the big city "to make a big fortune." He did make a big fortune almost overnight. But in a short time his money was gone as a result of drinking, gambling, and wild-living. By jobs like taxi-driving, being a waiter—and like the prodigal son of the Bible, tending hogs—Bill gradually worked his way back to respectability. Through the help of his understanding parents and a Christian girl he "made the grade." But if he had not found Christ as his Saviour he would have ended his life a miserable failure in the world of superficial pleasures. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Vantage Press, Inc., New York for \$3.50.

THERE is a bromide—it is almost a folk saying by now—that Washington has three parties—the Republican Party, the Democratic Party and the Cocktail Party. A United Press reporter has confirmed this, after a thorough investigation. He says that there are 78,000 cocktail parties a year not counting those held in private homes. Hostesses have learned, he has reported, to serve a lot of food. This "keeps the guests from falling on their faces." If there has been a decline in cocktail parties since the "moral crusade" took over, close and careful reporters have not been able to notice it. They are able to give a good report because they eat plenty of food as they go around sampling the parties. That also keeps them from falling on their faces. —WRR.

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Man Of Distinction

Here's another "man of distinction" that the liquor industry may use as an example of what liquor drinking will do.

According to a news release in the Clarion-Ledger "A Lauderdale County Negro was held in Lauderdale county jail in connection with a mishap that sent Mrs. F. A. Watson of Old Quitman road to Anderson Infirmary with a serious laceration of the forehead. Deputy Sheriff Harry Hughes said the suspect's automobile crashed into the side of a parked car in the driveway of Robert Black, sending it crashing into Mrs. Watson who was standing by it at the time. The prisoner, Henry B. Hill, was charged with reckless driving leaving the scene of an accident and driving under influence of an intoxicant."

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Reports Growing Tide In Christian Education

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — More than 800,000 pieces of special literature were distributed to approximately 17,000 churches in the first annual Southern Baptist Convention Emphasis on Christian Education, Dr. R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Convention's Education Commission reported here today.

"Perhaps the most heartening sign on the educational horizon for Southern Baptists," Dr. Cornett stated, "is the growing tide of interest at the level of the small church in our educational institutions."

In addition to this material which was distributed in nineteen states and the District of Columbia for use during College Night in Training Union April 4 and the special College Orientation Workshops held during Youth Week in the churches, an estimated fifteen million pages of supporting material in the form of articles, features and programs in twenty-two southwide periodicals plus approximately eight million pages in state Baptist papers were printed in support of the special emphasis.

Record Enrollment

The executive secretary reported the record enrolment of 10,007 ministerial students in the denomination's sixty-eight educational institutions during the 1953-54 school year compared with 8,993 the previous year. More than 6,000 of these were enrolled in the colleges. "Of particular importance," he said, "is the fourteen per cent increase in enrolment in our theological seminaries, from 4,527 last year to 5,153 during the school year just ended." Enrolments in theological seminaries throughout the United States decreased 10.8 per cent during this period according to a report by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Dr. Cornett reported an enrolment of 37,071 in Southern Baptist senior colleges and universities, 9,694 in the junior colleges, and 3,103 in the academies and Bible schools. Total enrolments in the schools increased by 2,940 over the previous year.

Cooperative program support of educational institutions by the denomination increased by 6.3 per cent, from \$4,332,952 for current operations in 1952 to \$4,607,104 in 1953. Support for capital improvements decreased slightly, from \$2,659,341 to \$2,597,472.

Outlining the activities of the Education Commission itself, the secretary cited the completion of state-wide surveys of Baptist schools in Mississippi and Georgia, the special six-month study of Georgia Baptist junior colleges

terial relief.

Certificates issued in the various retirement plans numbered 4,079, as compared with the average of the past three years, 2,500. There are 25,221 active members on the contributory retirement plans of the Southern Baptist Convention. Certificates issued in all plans total 36,523, and the number of churches, boards and agencies contributing is 17,096.

Annuityants retired number 2,728 and payments to these beneficiaries were \$1,308,853.44 in 1953.

Baptists To Plan Film On Outstanding Baptist

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — (RNS). Plans to produce a feature-length film on an outstanding Baptist personality were launched at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

An adopted resolution authorized the appointment of a committee to consider the "advisability and the practicability of producing a film (or films) of some Baptist personality, for example, William Carey or Roger Williams."

The committee was instructed "to approach Baptist bodies in other lands" and report back to the 1955 meeting.

It was noted in the resolution that Methodists and Lutherans had recently produced feature-length films of great personalities in their denominations. Baptists were urged "to investigate such a production for themselves."

made by Dr. Freeman H. Beets, assistant to the executive secretary, the promotion of the convention-wide emphasis on Christian Education, and the publication of the Southern Baptist Campus Directory.

Progress on the construction of three new campuses was reported. Work has begun on new facilities for Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, and Howard College in Birmingham, Ala. The new Winston-Salem, North Carolina, campus of Wake Forest College will be ready for occupancy by 1955. It was also stated that Stetson University accepted title to a million-dollar campus in St. Petersburg, Florida for its College of Law and that the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville purchased a 27-acre housing development with 265 apartments nearby the seminary campus. It was announced that total property values of Southern Baptist educational institutions increased about \$8 million to more than \$105 million during the year and that endowment funds now total more than \$50 million.

Nine New Presidents

Nine presidents were named during the year to head the denomination's institutions. They were: Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas; Dr. George A. Christenberry, Shorter College, Rome, Georgia; Major George B. Connell, Mercer College, Macon, Georgia; Dr. E. F. Haight, Anderson College, Anderson, South Carolina; M. A. Murray, Brewton-Parker Junior College, Mount Vernon, Ga.; Dr. A. Hope Owen, Wayland College, Plainview, Texas; Dr. Evan A. Reiff, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas; Dr. Budd E. Smith, Wingate Junior College, Wingate, North Carolina; and Dr. J. Howard Williams, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas. The appointment of Dr. Harold A. Haswell as executive coordinator of the Texas Baptist Christian Education Commission was also announced.

Concluding his report, Dr. Cornett told convention delegates, "In a day when the lot of denominational colleges and seminaries in general is becoming more and more difficult, it is reason for thanksgiving that Southern Baptist educational institutions are going forward—in enrolment, in support

Goes To Ellisville



REV. C. W. THOMPSON

Rev. C. W. Thompson, for 10 years pastor of First Church, Aberdeen, has resigned in order to accept the pastorate of the Ellisville Church, effective July 1.

The church at Aberdeen is currently undergoing an inside improvement program and has \$20,000 in hand toward the future construction of an annex.

About four years ago a modern pastor's home was built. On Sunday, Nov. 15, 1953, the 10th anniversary of his pastorate was observed.

At that time 763 members had been added and contributions totaled \$225,342.83. Three young men have been ordained to the ministry.

The Rev. Mr. Thompson has been active in denominational affairs. He was formerly Convention Board member and presently is a member of the Education Commission.

He will succeed Rev. John Oakes, resigned.

Beyond the best hopes of the Historical Commission, the resources of the Dargan-Carver Library are being used. During 1953 ninety-six people from eighteen states have worked in it for periods of from three days to nine months. Thirty-nine of these were students, the majority of whom were doing research for Master of Arts or Doctor of Philosophy dissertations. One of them handled, examined and used more than 2,000 different items. It served six who are writing important Baptist histories. There were fifty-one additional writers who were seeking and studying materials for historical writing assignments. In addition to the above there were a larger number who used it for shorter periods. Dr. Norman W. Cox is executive secretary of the Commission.

in academic growth, and in their relations to the denomination and to each other.

"Their progress is far from rapid enough, however, to prepare them for the demands which will be made upon them in the next decade. More support, more encouragement, more effort in their behalf by Southern Baptists as a whole is necessary if our colleges and schools are to meet the challenge of the future."

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ENCAMPMENT SPEAKER



DR. S. B. PLATT

Shown above is Dr. S. B. Platt of Columbus who is to bring one of the messages at the Brotherhood Encampment at Camp Garaywa, July 9-10.

WHO IS ORGANIZING BROTHERHOODS?

More than 400 Mississippi

churches have now organized their men through a Baptist Brotherhood. Among these are fount churches of every type. In the open country, in the village and in the city; in quarter-time, half-time and full-time churches; in north Mississippi and in south Mississippi; in the east, west and central, men are rallying to the leadership of their pastors and serving God as they advance the program of their churches.

Pastors of these churches speak of an improved fellowship among the men of their churches, of men won to Christ and enlisted in church membership, of men becoming leaders in the work of their churches, of an expanded stewardship, of tithers enlisted and of increased interest in the co-operative work of the denomination.

Laymen speak of finding new avenues for service, of coming to realize the important place spiritual affairs should have in their lives, of coming into closer fellowship with the Master and of the development of a consciousness of their churches as the proper place through which to serve Him.

PREDICTS EIGHT MILLION SOUTHERN BAPTISTS THIS YEAR

ST. LOUIS —(RNS)— Southern Baptist Convention membership will reach 8,000,000 this year, the denomination's statistician predicted here.

J. P. Edmunds of Nashville, Tenn., said the Convention had gained 251,523 members in 1953 to reach a total of 7,886,016.

His report was made public on the eve of the 97th session of the Convention here.

It showed a gain of almost two new churches a day last year. There are now 29,496 Southern Baptist churches.

In predicting that the 8,000,000 mark would be reached "sometime this year," Mr. Edmunds also forecast a Sunday school enrollment of 6,000,000 before the end of 1954.

His report said gifts by all Southern Baptists to church causes last year totaled \$278,851,129. Mission giving was \$48,427,760, an increase of \$2,604,000 over 1952.

But the statistician warned that in some categories the 1953 gains did not compare favorably with those made in 1952 over the previous year. The 1952 increase in mission giving, for example, was \$8,554,000, he said.

Some 6,000 women attended the three-day meeting of the Women's

Missionary Union held as a preliminary to the Convention sessions.

Dr. James W. Storer of Tulsa, Okla., convention president, told them many Americans failed to recognize that the world was in "continual struggle between the forces of righteousness and the forces of evil."

In these times, he said, "Cadillacs charm us more than Christ and a two-carat diamond is more to be desired than the Rock of Ages."

"Do we realize," asked Dr. Storer, "that as we here assemble, well clad, comfortable and well fed to the point of lethargy, millions drag through the day in misery, want and terror."

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The Baptist Record appreciates an attractive booklet giving a brief history of the school of Religious Education at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. J. M. Price, director of the School of Religious Education, has led in the building of this outstanding part of Southwestern Seminary. Dr. Price was elected to head the new school in 1915 when there was one teacher and two students. Now there are 10 full-time and two part-time teachers and 200 students.

Baptist Sunday School Board Shows Progress

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The report of Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board, to the Convention, reminds one of Jesus' mustard seed parable. The "seed" of the Baptist Sunday School Board was the effort of Dr. J. M. Frost, at a single desk in a borrowed corner, with no money, and an order not to go into debt when the Board was voted into being at Birmingham in 1891. The Board has grown into a large "tree" owning 28 floors of office and factory space in five buildings in Nashville, two summer assemblies and 47 book stores, and has a personnel staff exceeding 1,100.

The total receipts of the Board for 1953 from all sources, including the Baptist book stores were \$13,887,140.30. The Sunday School Board receives no monetary aid from the Southern Baptist Convention, but operates in a business-like manner by Christian principles and all earnings beyond operating costs go back into the work, hence the Board invested about \$1,600,000 in denomination work in 1953.

A total circulation of periodicals of 54,145,000 was an increase of 4,259,900 over that of 1952. From January 1, 1953 to January 1, 1954 the Board published 59 new book titles with a total of 1,969,890 copies, besides 121 book titles reprinted. The Southern Baptist Convention: 1845-1953 by William Wright Barnes was released January 12, 1954. It was the first history of the convention published and approximately 11,000 prepublication orders were received.

Editorial Secretary Clifton J. Allen of the Division of Editorial Service says "we seek never to forget the heart of our mission: to publish abroad the truth of the Bible. This book is the most valuable thing in the world."

In 1953 the Sunday school enrollment grew to 5,759,100 for a gain of 267,800 over 1952 and 327,000 training awards were issued in 11,800 churches. The Sunday school goal for 1954 is reflected in the slogan "A Million More in '54."

The churches' organization for training church members in church work is the Training Union and 19,000 churches have Training Unions, a gain of 1,200 over 1952. The Training Union enrollment totaled 1,849,500 during 1953, a gain of 10.3 per cent over the previous year. The Training Union Department issued 607,000 awards in 12 months ending September 30, 1953.

Another evidence of progress is the establishment of the Church Recreation Service on February 1, 1954. This service seeks, among other things, to promote Christian and church-centered recreation.

The Art Department shows progress in a total of 2,500 separate art jobs completed, averaging 50 per week, a gain of 50 per cent over 1952 and 100 per cent over 1950.

The summer assemblies at Ridgecrest in North Carolina and Glorieta in New Mexico are exceedingly important in the progress and growth of the Southern Baptists because there many people receive training to become better Christians and church workers and many make commitments for special service. During the



Shown above is a scene at the registration desk where 10,962 registered as messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention. The highest registration was at Houston, Texas in 1953, when 12,976 were enrolled.

summer of 1953 there was a total registration at Ridgecrest of 25,440 and at Glorieta of 5,960.

The Sunday School Board publishes the Braille Baptist as a service for the blind and it is available to them without cost, either to individual or church.

The Baptist Bulletin Service had an average monthly circulation for 1953 of 3,634,800 or a weekly circulation which has passed 800,000 copies going to perhaps 4,500 churches.

Home Life, a Christian home magazine, continues to increase in circulation and exceeds 625,000 copies, an increase of 65,000 in the past 12 months.

Southern Baptists through the Sunday School Board have one of the few places in the nation where music typesetting is done. This equipment is used for the publication of the Broadman Hymnals which are selling at three-quarters of a million copies annually.

The Department of Church Architecture is helping the churches provide for a complete church ministry. It had 7,580 requests for various kinds of help during 1953 from 48 states and 16 countries.

The Department of Student Work through the Baptist Student Unions promoted religious focus weeks on eight campuses and in two Baptist hospitals and shared in the promotion of the Fourth Baptist Youth World Conference at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 15-22, 1953, which was attended by approximately 200 young people and youth leaders from the Southern Baptist Convention.

Audio-visual aids sales and rentals increased more than 17 per cent over 1952. More than 200 motion picture titles, of which 21 are Broadman titles produced by the Sunday School Board, are available for rental through the book stores.

The 7,886,000 Southern Baptist church members, an increase over 1952 of 3.3 per cent, through the Baptist program have helped to make the year 1953 one of significance to the Board.

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Revival services will be held at the Van Winkle Baptist Mission located on Bowling Street and Highway 49 North June 13-19. Services will be held each evening at 7:30. Rev. Cecil R. Maples will be the evangelist, and Tommy Davis, Jr., the Music Director. The Van Winkle Church Choir will render special music.

Do you know a skeptic whom you would like to win to Christ? Have you yourself had doubts as to the divinity of Jesus Christ? Then you should read a tract entitled "Have You Considered Him?" This booklet is "a brief for Christianity" written by Wilbur M. Smith and published by Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill. Any person seriously reading it and meditating on the message in it cannot deny that Jesus is indeed the Christ, the Son of the Living God. The author purposes to "persuade men who, year after year, live without giving any serious thought at all to one by the name of Jesus of Nazareth, the founder of the Christian faith, to give serious, honest, intelligent consideration to this person, Jesus, and to come to some definite conclusion regarding Him and their relationship to Him based, not upon the superficial, often inaccurate, and sometimes sneering references to Him in contemporary secular literature; not the mere echo of unbelieving professors, or skeptical thinkers, but the result of one's own unhampered, personal thinking." The tract may be ordered from the publishers at 10 cents each, 75 cents a dozen, or \$5 per 100.

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As is true in our own day, there was crime, wanton cruelty, unrighteousness, iniquity everywhere. Call Amos anything you will, as the bon tons of his day undoubtedly did, Hayseed! Redneck! Rube! Yokel! Greenhorn! Yap! Yhoo! Go ahead, name him after your fancy; but know this. Amos saw the moral conditions of the people of his day and desired to make the people also see them that seeing the condition they were in, there might be mending of their ways and revival of vital godliness in their individual and national lives.

It was to the nation Israel that Amos was specially sent, but the style in which his prophesy begins may be taken to illustrate the truth that Jehovah is the God of all the earth. Much as Damascus, Gaza, Tyre, Edom, Moab, may hold their faith in other gods, Amos counts all other gods as nothing and dares to proclaim, "Thus says Jehovah to Ammon."

"And is not this a pertinent lesson for our day? 'Oh! The old time religion with its old time God may have been a good thing for the Armenians or the Dutch of a former day, or even for the Finns and the Danes of the present day, but all the balderdash about those old laws and commandments of the other days and other lands as having any application to our days and our conditions is long ago and completely exploded.'"

Now let us face the fact that the God who sees and notes the Crimes of the Kremlin and wrongs being wrought by Red China and the unspeakable vices of Paris, the selfishness of the labor unions under their tyrannical bosses and the equally heartless selfishness of the plutocrats who pillage the poor for profit, looks right straight into our individual hearts as well as into the social structure of the community and state and nation of which we make a part.

"For three transgressions of Damascus, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof," and the gathering crowd of Israelites of a street corner in the city of Samaria winked at one another, and those who were near enough nudged one another and said, "Hot dog! Old Country Jake is giving it to those dirty Damascenes. Hit 'em again Old Red Neck! They have it coming to them, all right." But the fierce denunciation of the crimes of the ungodly are coming nearer home, as the fierce prophet from the wilderness of Tekoah draws his circle of vision a bit nearer to the city in which his desert-sharpened voice is piercing the atmosphere, until it now is "For three transgressions of Judah, yea, for four," and that is a bit near home to be comfortable.

Now at length the whip lash of the Almighty wrath against crime everywhere begins to hiss and writhe and writhe and hiss and bark its sharp staccato above the heads of the multitude gathered

there in the city street to hear the words of this strange man from the hinterlands. What does he mean this bold, presumptuous, rude, uncultured ruffian from the cheerless, barrens of Tekoah? Soft, my gentle lady, be still and know that God the Almighty sometimes hides His seers from the dust of things that they may see the truth, hides them away from the jangle of things that they may feel the truth, speaks to them in the silences that they may know the truth. In his marketing trips to the cities, Amos sees, and on his hills he broods and in his brooding sees more clearly and hears betimes the still small voice of God.

II. CALLOSITY

Have you ever pushed a hand-saw or a jackplane or struck nails with a hammer, held the handles of a plowstock, pulled a hoe, tossed a pitchfork or a shovel, till, first, there were blisters in your palms, and then a toughness and thickening of the skin which enabled you with no discomfort to handle tools all day!

There are "moral tools," let me say, that have the same effect upon the conscience. We begin to do the immoral things; because we have allowed ourselves to think the little wrong thoughts at first and then to do the wrong things that result from wrong thinking. And this process continues and in continuing grows to the point beyond which we suffer no qualm at all, but have attained, or should I have said, have descended to a degraded state of callosity where our consciences feel no twinge of pain when we have done something which once would have plunged us into terrible remorse and regret. No one of all the "kine of Bashan" but in her gentler days would have been horrified by the thought that she would one day demand of her husband that he go and bring her what she needed to make her drunk and that no matter how he got it or from whom.

This was the condition that Amos found in Israel. The people were in wickedness with no thought of what such a state meant to them in the debauchery of themselves and their land. And this was the most lamentable thing about them and about us. We go ahead in our mad chase of selfish pleasure with no thought of what the course of conduct is doing to the individual and public character. Worse than that, it seems to me, is the fact we all say we are standing on the brink of an abyss neither the other side nor the bottom of which we can see, and yet the thoughtless chase of the seamy, sinful side of pleasure engages our best and almost our only plans and performances.

III. CALAMITY OF CONSEQUENCES

Does Calamity always follow commission of crime against conscience and the God of conscience? There is, I think, one class of exceptional cases. The commission of any form of unrighteousness, unrepented of, is always followed by calamity either soon or late. But the mercy of God is so great that the repentant wrongdoer may seek and find pardon before the Almighty throne. Except this one class of sinners, wrong-doers, vicious, and lawless people, and the

Home Service Features Program



ST. LOUIS, Mo. — A mammoth service celebrating the importance of Christian homes climaxed the Friday morning session of the Southern Baptist Convention that opened here today. Joe W. Burton, editor of Home Life magazine, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., was the presiding officer.

Highlighting the service was a family worship period, shown above, led by Dr. Everett D. Sugarbaker and his family. Also on the program was an address by Olin T. Binkley, professor of Christian sociology and ethics, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. Dr. Sugarbaker is a cancer specialist living in Jefferson City, Mo. He and Mrs. Sugarbaker have eight children.

American Baptists Report Increased Contributions

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (RNS) — Contributions to the unified and institutional budgets of American Baptist (Northern) Convention agencies and to its "Churches for New Frontiers" campaign totaled nearly \$8,200,000 during the past year, it was reported here.

Annual receipts have increased about \$2,000,000 in the last four years, Dr. Ralph M. Johnson, New York, director of the denomination's Council on Missionary Cooperation, announced.

He reported that unified budget receipts for the fiscal year ending April 30 totaled \$7,502,325, which is \$102,325 above the goal and 6.79 per cent above receipts last year.

rule holds with no exception that the fool thinking which results in fool action is paid for, somewhere, sometime and everytime.

Suffer the lesson taught by the incident of Amaziah, Priest of Bethel. Here was a religious leader who had sold his soul to wink and blink at evil, and finally, no doubt, activity to connive at it, taking profit of one sort or another in it. Read Amos 7:10-17; then consider.

1. God never smites without warning. Amos was God's warning voice to all Israel and to Amaziah. He had heard Amos' solemn warning.

2. God's warnings are always hopeful and for man's best interests. When God sounds warning, that warning is uttered that man may heed it and turn away the evil.

3. The devil will use the servants of God, if they will allow it. How many the tragic story of leaders in church; in every department of the church life, who have allowed themselves to be led away by the devil into the commission of his dirty acts against God. I recently heard of a man who said, "I could believe in Christianity if it were not for the preachers I know." Excuse of a devil's dupe! I know that, but there is too much ground for the excuse.

4. The religious leader who succumbs to the devil's temptations and engages in the devil's work, will reap of the devil's field damnation to himself and his.

"So far as I know," Dr. Johnson said, "no other denomination has made a comparable gain in the last four years. This record is all the more remarkable when one considers the large contributions that Baptists have made to the 'Churches for New Frontiers' campaign during this same period."

Heading the list of churches contributing to the unified budget and amounts contributed were Covenant Baptist Church, Detroit (\$36,938); First Baptist Church, Wichita, Kan. (\$35,040), and First Baptist Church, Long Beach, Calif. (\$34,646.)

(Editor's Note: Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program receipts for 1950 were \$7,347,544 and total receipts were \$10,614,719. Cooperative Program receipts for 1953 were \$9,683,360, and total receipts were \$15,359,142.)

It is not traveling on muleback, camping on the roadside, sleeping in a hammock or on a rawhide on the ground, eating jerked beef and rice for days; it is not drifting down a river on a raft or sleeping in the bottom of a dugout canoe as one goes down the river that wrecks the health and breaks the heart of a missionary if he has learned *paciencia* (patience) and loves lost souls. It is being unable to heed the calls, to know that men who are pleading for help are dying without a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ because there is no one to go and tell them the story of Jesus and his love.—Lulu (Mrs. A. J.) Terry, missionary to North Brazil.

Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



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ARE BAPTISTS PROTESTANTS?

Question:

There seems to be some different interpretations as to the meaning of the term, "Protestantism." What different denominations belong to it? Is the Missionary Baptist Church thought of as being Protestant?

Answer:

It depends partly on who is doing the thinking. Generally, Protestant is a term including "all Christian groups immediately or remotely related to the Reformation" (An Encyclopedia of Religion, ed. by Ferm). It is a word that includes all Christian groups except Roman and Greek Catholics. This is the way historians, newspaper men, novelists, government officials, and many others use the term.

But Protestant is used in another sense. When a minister says, "Baptists are not Protestants," he means this: There are many Baptists who do not wish to be classified with the other non-Catholic groups as originating during the Reformation period of history. These claim to be able to trace their lineage back through the dissenters of the Middle Ages, who never were Catholics.

You see, words mean what people say they mean. Some use the word Protestant to include Baptists. Some do not.

Well, are we Protestants? In the sense that we assumed our present name during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, yes! In the sense that we as a body came out of the Catholic Church, no!

Thus we suffer from "the tyranny of words."

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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